



Atodnem

lots of lucky
to a swell guy
Good luck in the
future in M.H. 85
"59" Roland Sloan

Best of Luck
to a swell kid
in English II as
a classmate.
Kendall Metzger

lots of luck
always
"59"

Best of Luck
John A.

Best of Luck
A good Boy
Bill Brandt
"59"

lots of luck to a real
swell guy and always
remember those rough
rides we had in D.E.
Larry Davis

Good Luck
to a Future
Farmer
Bob Greshkewy
"60" Ag I

good luck
to a bus pal
and a pal.
see you next year
Norm Park
"56"

Good Luck
to a swell kid
we sure had a
lot of fun in
"59"

Jim
good luck
and best wishes
Russ Hinkle

Best of luck
to a very good kid
and remember
the days in the
General Science
class
David Hamberger
"60"

Jim,
Best of luck
in the future.
Small Zinke

Best of luck
to a pig man
"George"

Jerry Hansen

Good luck
to a swell kid
have fun in your
next 3 years at M.H. 85
"59" "59" "59"

Good luck
to a swell kid
remember
the days in the
General Science
class
David Hamberger
"60"

Good luck
to a swell kid
have fun in your
next 3 years at M.H. 85
"59" "59" "59"

James Kennedy

Best of Luck
to a swell Ag. Kid
Tom Munson
"59"

Jim,
Good Luck
to a swell guy.
Duke
"59"

Good Luck
to a farmer
Jack
P.S. remember
cloise

Best of luck to a
fellow Ag. student
and don't forget the
fun we had in it.
"Cattle"

Good Luck in
your last two
years at M.H.S.
Ray Schalk
Good luck,
and don't
get ahead
of you.

Best Wishes
Allan Beas
(59)

Best of Luck
to a swell
Hampshire farmer
Phil "59"

Jim
Best of Luck
to a swell class
mate. Remember
General Science
Virginia
"59"

Jim
Best of Luck
and remember
Mr. Goodens
easy tests.
Diane

Lots of luck to you in your
future years. Remember Driver
Training. Good luck to you in your
pig farming.
Harry Walker
"59"

Don't forget to have
a lot of luck in
your future years.
"59"

Jim
Best of luck in
the future years
at M.H.S.
Jim Bryan

Good Luck Jim
Skip
"59"

Jim
Good luck to
a swell study hall
neighbor. Be good this
summer and go easy on
the girls. See you next fall.
Patty Mackin
"60"

Good luck
and have fun
this summer
Marie Jeanis

Good luck to
a real swell guy.
Ken Bet
"60"

Jim.
Best of luck in your
future at M.H.S. I hope
you'll see you around. Don't forget
by the way, that Plymouth
be running for a long time yet.
Bob Higgins
"59"

Jim -
Best of Luck to a real
swell kid. Have fun this
summer. Be good

Bonnie
Hammock
"59"

Walt
Best of luck
to a real little brownie

Jim Soudygroth
"59"

Jim.
Best of luck
to a fellow
classmate. Hope
you have lots
of fun this
summer.
Hay B.

Jim,
Good luck to
a swell kid. Training
with
the rounds with
fun this summer.
Carol Glaser
"59"

Best of luck to a swell
kid who can take a lot of punishment.
Remember our gym. Don't forget
you are a senior.
Dicky Jones
"59"

Jim,

Lots of Luck
to a fellow og student
and a good kid,
and to the one who always tries
to mess up my hair.

John Deane
"60"

Good luck
Sort work to
herd this summer.
Jim Broadshaw
et wishes

Best wishes
to a swell
guy. We live
ag. class up
next year. The Rev.
Roger
"58"

Yours,

Jim-

Jim
 Best of luck
 always to a
 fellow class-
 mate - Remember
 Gen. Science.
 Have lots of
 fun this
 summer.
 Carol Jones
 "Go!"

Jim -
Best of
always
fellow
mate
Gen
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The
ATODNEM

1957



Presented by
The Senior Class

Mendota High School

Foreword

ALTHOUGH MANY THINK that an education is made of the basic fundamentals only, we who are leaving school this year have found it to be more than that. We have by experience furthered our knowledge in other principles as well. We have gained knowledge in citizenship, better use of leisure time, worthy home membership, vocational education, and ethical character. Proof that we appreciate the importance of these aspects of a well-rounded education is shown by the fact that we chose them as topics for our graduation speeches. Our future depends not only on being able to talk, write, and figure, but also on how much of these other things we have absorbed. Though we know not what our future holds for us, we find that we will be able to face it with courage and hope. Our wish is that those remaining at MHS will take advantage of all the opportunities given to them in school for a better future.





STAFF



STANDING: L. M. Donahue, Clarence Scheidenhelm, Edward Baker, President, Kenneth Carroll, Business Manager; SEATED: Curtis Hochstatter, Howard Pohl, Willard Deaner, Wilbur Hanson, J. W. Price, Superintendent

School Board

for the many hours they have given on behalf of our school. Each member of this board has served faithfully, wisely, and with much foresight.

THE DUTY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION is to oversee all school affairs and to act on recommendations presented by our superintendent, Mr. Price. These men are elected by voters of the Township High School District 280 for a term of three years.

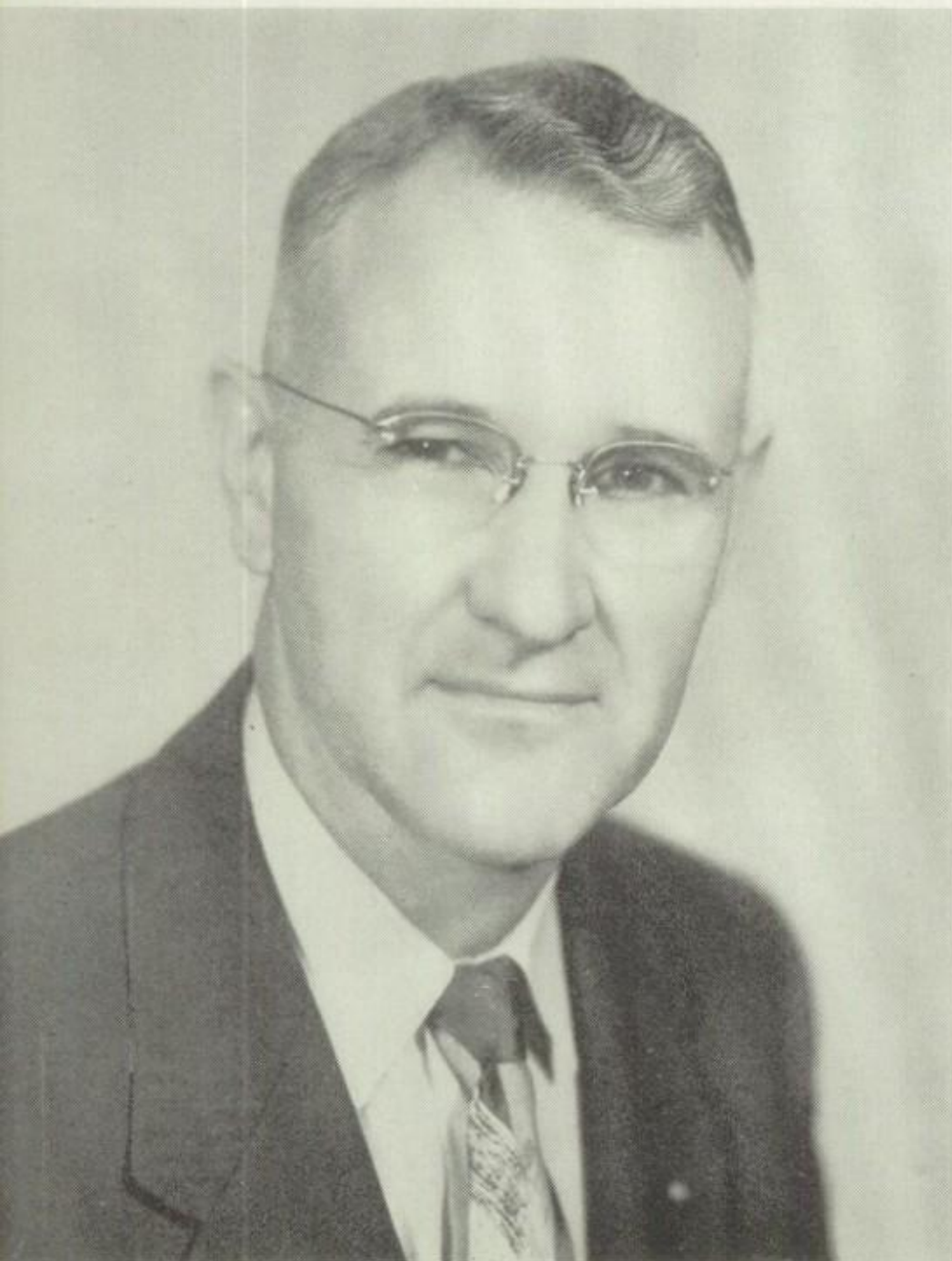
This year will go down in history as one when definite plans for remodeling our school were launched. On January 15 the board members held a special referendum in order that District 280 might be given an opportunity to vote for or against the Mendota High School building program which they had proposed. The voters approved the addition and the issuing of bonds to finance the \$1,150,000 project. Therefore for the past year, and the years to come, the board's major problem concerns the building of the new addition to our high school. They are to be congratulated for the success and progress they have made with this huge and grave responsibility. Although the class of '57 won't be here to enjoy these wonderful changes, they are very happy that the classes to come have so much to look forward to.

The students would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to these men

Mr. Carroll is the business manager of the entire school system. Although his problems are many and often are troublesome, his disposition always remains pleasant and calm.

KENNETH CARROLL
Business Manager





J. W. Price
Superintendent of Schools
Principal

Administration

Faculty and Staff

Open Letter to the Faculty of MHS

Dear Faculty:

We seniors wish to thank you for your part in making our four years at MHS both happy and profitable. We appreciate your competent instruction, and we are grateful for your interested and helpful guidance in our school activities and in our plans for the future.

TO THE GRADUATES OF 1957

Commencement is your big day — for most of you one of the most significant days thus far in your lives. Commencement — commencing what? The acceptance of adult responsibilities? A job, marriage, further education? How will these things all work out for you? What, and who, will determine how they work out? To what extent can you control what happens to you?

Let us think about the power within each of you — the power to really do something about what happens to you. Within each of you is the power to grow, the power to think, and the power to become. You have the power to grow in personality and in capability to do many things. You have the power to think, the power that is peculiar to Man, setting you above all other kinds of life, enabling you to control much of what happens to you. You have the power to become — to change from what you are to what you determine that you want to be.

These are wonderful God-given powers. Most wonderful of all, these powers are possessed by and can be used by each of you. Much depends upon your realization of the fact that these powers are really yours, and upon your determination to use them. More than that, your powers increase as you use them. This is, indeed, the age of power. Hitch your wagon to a star, and turn on your power!

JW Price

PATTI HEININGER and CAROL JOHNSON
Office Secretaries





LLOYD DOENIER

Assistant Principal, Dean of Boys, Biology,
Athletic Director, Senior Advisor

THE GRADUATION of the senior class of 1957 ends another chapter in the student history of Mendota High School. Although you seniors may be regretful at your commencement, you are also happy as this means the beginning of your adult life.

You have been an eager, interesting, and ambitious class. The freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have humbly admired you, imitated you, competed with you, and have hopes of achieving goals as high as yours. The students and faculty will all miss you, but you have left us with fine memories which we shall never forget.

May the years that lie ahead be a steady continuation of your growth. We are always proud of the accomplishments of our former students. We shall look forward to your success, and we hope each one of you will achieve your desired goal.

Lloyd Doenier

Memo: To Senior Class from Dean of Girls

Content: Look to the Future

Purpose: To convey sincere wishes to each member of your class

Congratulations! You have attained another goal—high school graduation! That coveted diploma! Isn't it a grand feeling to know that you have succeeded? That same reaction should come with each step forward that you make toward your future.

You'll recall many times your days at MHS, and with maturity you'll smile at youth as he plods along (he thinks) so wearily. For some reason your outlook on life will have changed. You will tackle problems with determination and renewed enthusiasm because now life truly will begin to have a real meaning. Your days of 1953-1957 were happy and now will become fond memories.

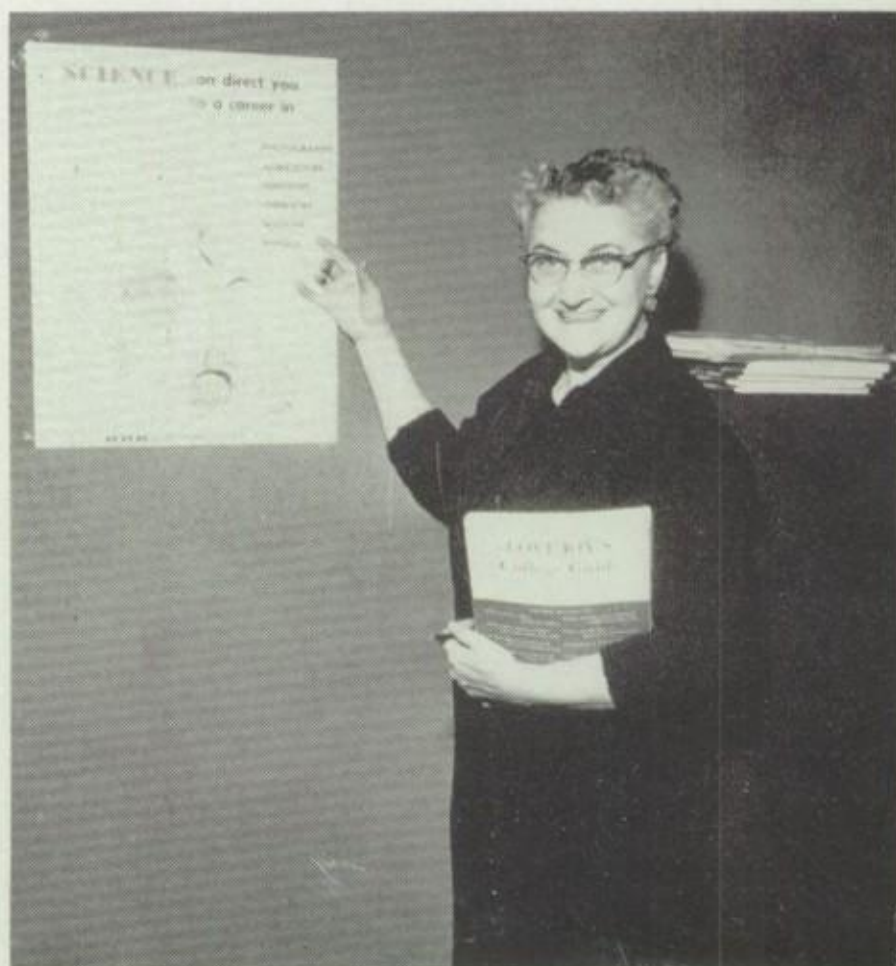
I know the directions many of you are taking, but, regardless of what turns you make, my sincere wish for each is good luck and happiness in every way. Life has a way of sometimes dealing us stiff blows on the chin, but that may be the very thing that will bring out the best in you. So,—heads up, march forward, keep your eyes on your goal, maintain high spiritual and moral values. Mix in smiles and happiness, friendship and sympathy, thoughtfulness and sincerity, and, last and one of the most important ingredients, good hard work, and you, the graduates of '57, will be heard from in the future. It will be what YOU make it, so make it GOOD!

My best wishes to each of you!

Hazel Payne

HAZEL PAYNE

Dean of Girls, English IV, Senior Advisor,
Guidance





JOYCE STEIN

Home Economics I-III-IV, FHA
Advisor, Freshman Advisor



HARRY KIRCHNER

Speech I, Debate I-II, Speech
Advisor, NFL Advisor, Sophomore
Advisor



JOHN DAVIES

Senior U.S. History, Civics,
Senior Advisor, Student Council
Advisor, Athletic Equipment

G. Gehler

GILBERT GEHLER

Mechanical Drawing, Industrial
Arts I-II, Freshman Advisor

MAUREEN SUPAN

Bookkeeping, Secretarial Prac-
tice, Office Practice, Personal
Typing, General Business, Senior
Advisor





FRED MORRIS

Agriculture I-II-IV, FFA Advisor,
Junior Advisor

*Best Wishes 5 Mr
and hope you have
better luck with those
Hawks Fred Morris*



EULALIA BREESE

Latin I-II, General English IV,
Senior Advisor, Atodnem Advisor

JUANITA SONDEROTH

Home Economics II, FHA Advisor



RUTH DOENIER

English III, Librarian, Pages Ad-
visor, Cheerleader Advisor, Sen-
ior Advisor



Sam Murdock
SAM MURDOCK

Driver Education, J. V. Basketball
Coach, Asst. Varsity Basketball
Coach, Freshman Advisor





VICTOR WEDEMEYER
Art I-II, Atodnem Art Advisor



MARCIA DOSE
Typing, Shorthand, Junior Advisor

WEILAND ROSS
Junior U. S. History, Economics,
Junior Advisor, Freshman Basket-
ball Coach



JOE ROLLINS
Diversified Occupation, Building
Trades, Asst. Varsity Football
Coach, Freshman Advisor

MARIE ROLLINS
Red Cross, School Nurse



MAUDE STROUSS
English I-II, Junior Advisor

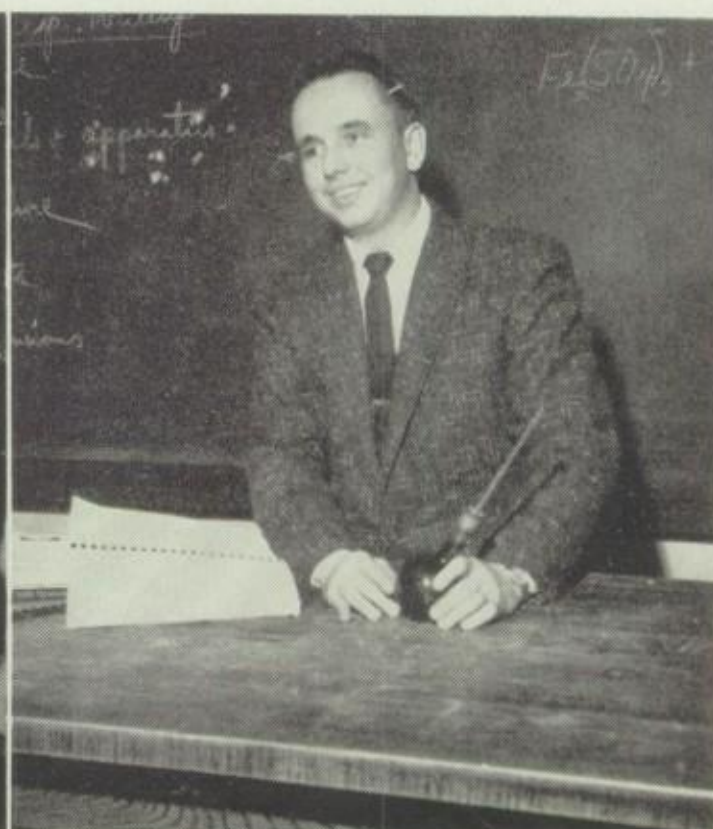
ELOISE NASH
English I-II, Freshman Advisor



*Best wishes -
Eloise Nash*

*Best wishes
D.C. Gooden*
DON GOODEN

General Science, Asst. Fresh-Soph
Football Coach, Asst. Track Coach,
Freshman Advisor





STEPHEN WARREN

English III, Journalism, Hi-Light
Advisor, Play Director, Sopho-
more Advisor



DeVERNE COLEMAN

Chorus, Vocal Music

Ted Lewis
Coach
"57"

TED LEWIS

Boys' P. E., Head Varsity Foot-
ball Coach, Frosh-Soph Basket-
ball Coach, Junior Advisor

EDWARD BROGLY

Algebra I, Practical Mathematics,
Book Store, Student Council Ad-
visor, Sophomore Advisor

BEVERLY MOORE

Girl's P. E., GAA Advisor, Cheer-
leader Advisor, Junior Advisor





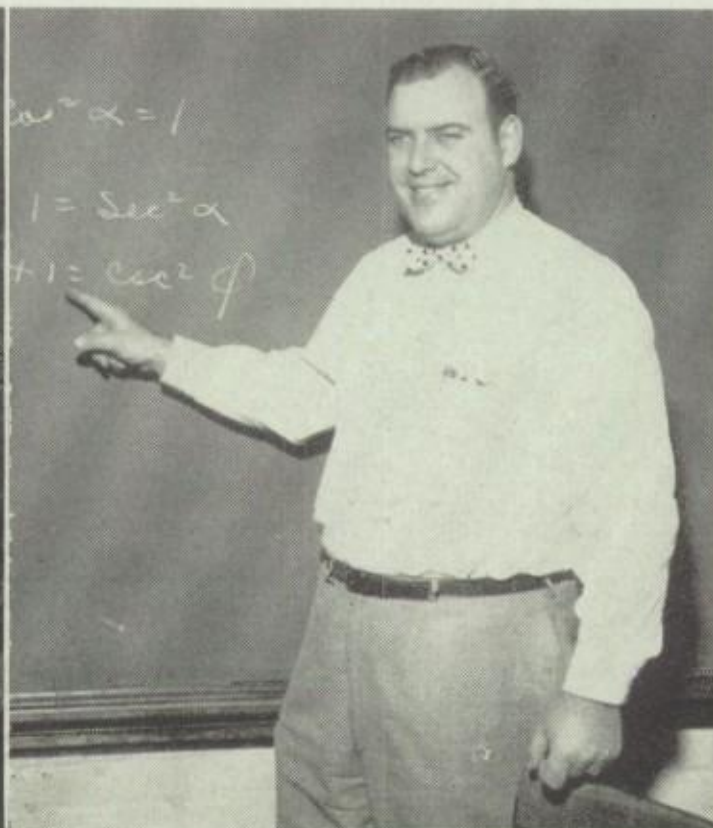
ALICE POTTINGER

English I, Freshman Advisor

Dear Jim, - You have been "one of the 'best behaved' young men that I have ever taught. - always the gentleman!"
Sincerely,
Good luck.
M. Gore A.E.P.

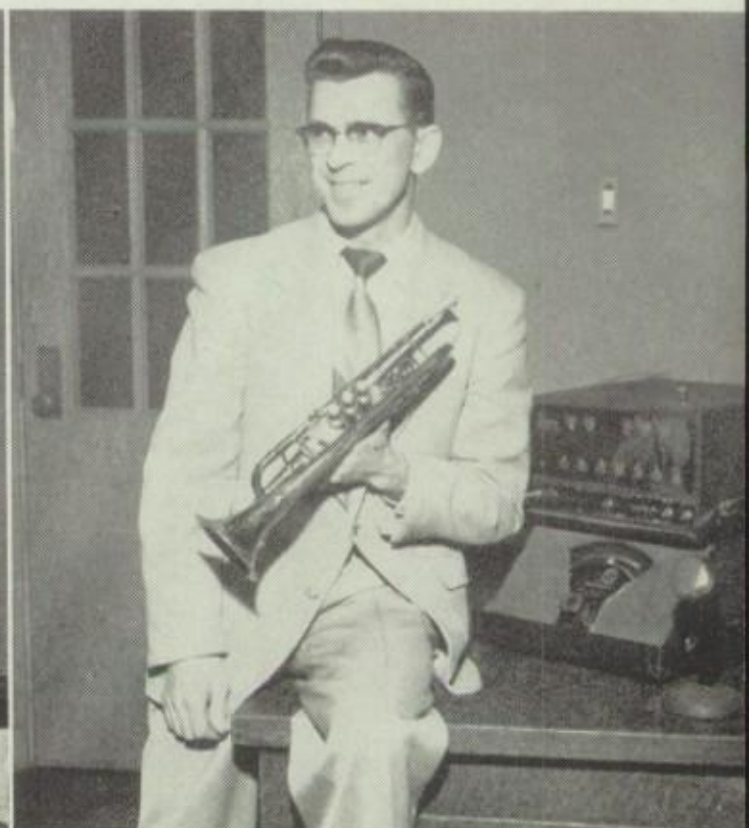
MALCOLM GORE

Chemistry, Physics, General Science, Visual Aids, Broadcasting Equipment, Cross Country Coach, Head Track Coach, Sophomore Advisor



JOHN RICHARDSON

Algebra I-II, Plane Geometry, Solid Geometry, Trigonometry, FTA Advisor, Sophomore Advisor

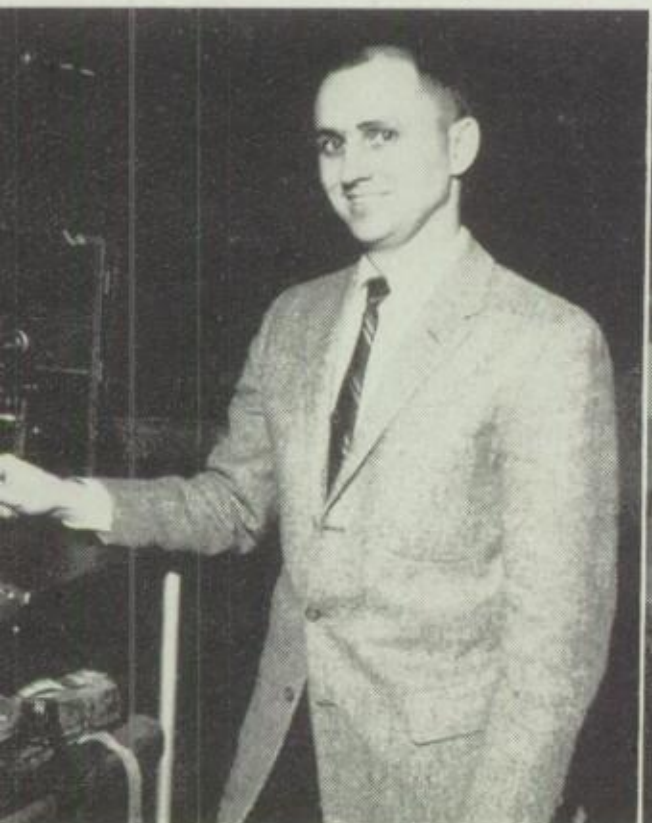


ROBERT BAILE

Band, Instrumental Music, Music Equipment, Cadet Girls Advisor

VERDIE ALTIZER

Family Living, World History, Biology, Head Varsity Basketball Coach, Frosh-Soph Football Coach, Asst. Track Coach, Sophomore Advisor



Joe Stevens

*Edwin P. Walter
Clifton Cross*



CUSTODIANS

Clifton Cross, Joe Stevens, Edwin Walter

Staff and Student Help

LET US PAY TRIBUTE to the custodians, cooks, and bus drivers and the part they play in our school day. Without them and the efficient services they perform, life at MHS would certainly be less comfortable and pleasant.



COOKS

Mrs. Truckenbrod, Mrs. Durham



BUS DRIVERS

BACK ROW: C. Hyde, W. Swope, R. Davis, C. Wills, I. Smith; FIRST ROW: B. Fitch, H. Larson, K. Holzner, E. Brown, B. Spencer; ABSENT: M. Skaggs, B. Moss, R. Robeson

*Good luck Jim
Marion C. Skaggs*

PROJECTIONISTS

FOURTH ROW: B. Bradshaw, E. Novak, R. Althaus, J. Hampson; THIRD ROW: D. Wulf, J. Mau, B. Brown, R. Classon, S. Gehler, T. Jacob; SECOND ROW: B. Higgins, H. Goebel, B. Montavon. FIRST ROW: H. Goslin, Mr. Gore



CAFETERIA HELP

A. Archer, A. Untz, M. Rapp, J. Farmer, V. Auchstetter, C. O'Sadnick

A SCHOOL AS LARGE AS OURS could not function efficiently if there were not a number of students willing to give of their time and effort to act as assistants to the teachers and staff. Among the hardest working of these were the projectionists, who worked under the direction of Mr. Gore in the visual aids program, the cafeteria girls, who helped Mrs. Truckenbrod and Mrs. Durham, and the librarians, who acted as assistants to Mrs. Doenier.

LIBRARIANS

BACK ROW: A. Worsley, J. Cotton, M. Hendrick, M. Jackson, M. McCollum, M. Kerns, K. Doenier, S. Reigel, D. Hoffman; MIDDLE ROW: S. Truckenbrod, E. Rittmeyer, R. Foster, J. Hopkins, C. Bansau, M. Draper, B. Kidd, J. Rohr, J. Grothen; FIRST ROW: Mrs. Doenier, R. Althaus, A. Novak, G. Buettner, E. Wixom, S. Michel, M. Schlesinger, E. Novak

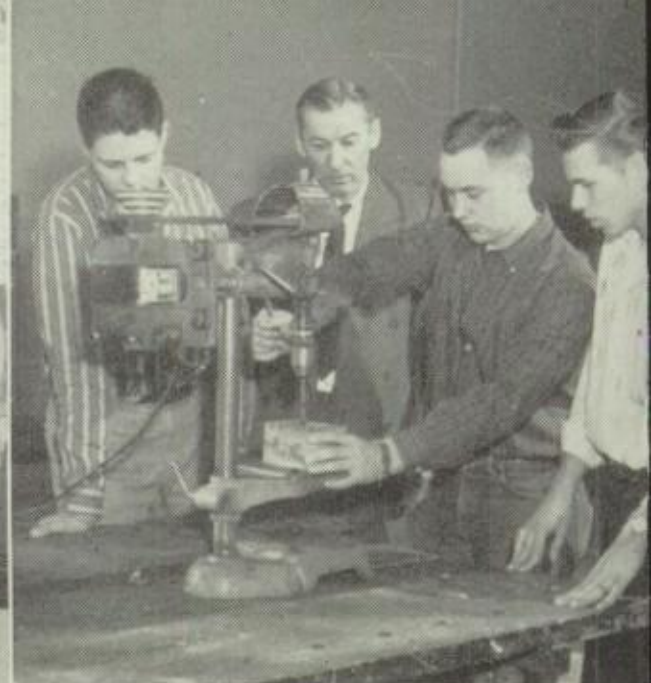




Art II: Mr. Wedemeyer



Bookkeeping: Miss Supan



Industrial Arts: Mr. Gehler

Curriculum



Civics: Mr. Davies

Economics: Mr. Ross



Practical Math: Mr. Brogly





Library: Mrs. Doenier



Biology: Mr. Altizer



Study Hall: Mr. Morris

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (believe it or not) are not the only activities that occupy a student's time at MHS. There are certain details such as classes. At Mendota there are academic, vocational, and commercial courses. We have tried to give you in the accompanying pictures various classes from each of these groups as they appear in actual session.

Home Ec.: Mrs. Sondgeroth

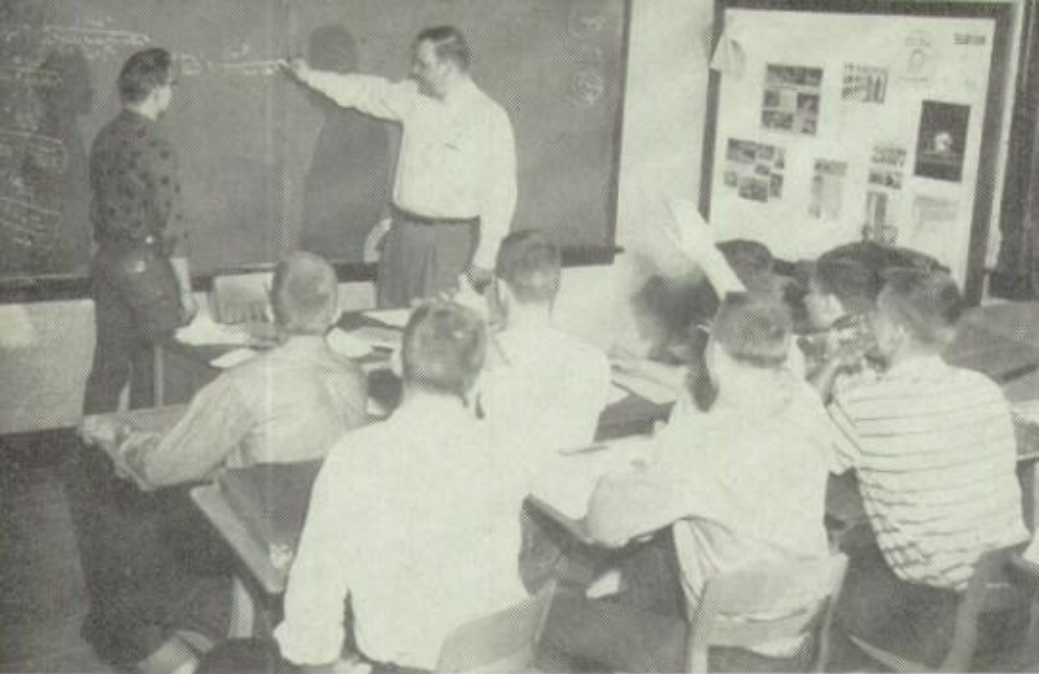


Phy. Ed.: Miss Moore



Gen. Sc.: Mr. Gooden





Trigonometry: Mr. Richardson



Debate: Mr. Kirchner



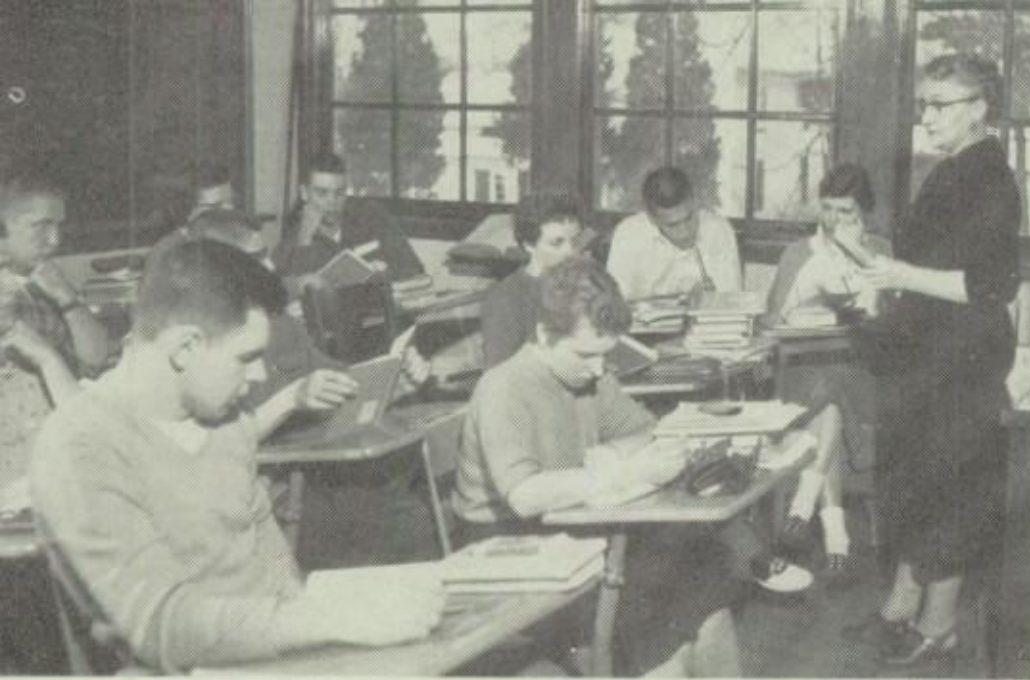
Building Trades: Mr. Rollins



Chemistry: Mr. Gore



Red Cross: Mrs. Rollins



English IV: Miss Payne



English I: Miss Pottinger



D. O.: Mr. Rollins



Shorthand: Miss Dose



Agriculture: Mr. Morris



1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8



1. Oh, Oh, Forgot my lines!
2. Ye Olde Crowde
3. Uh, Uh, Uh!
4. Ain't that sweet!

5. Go, man, go!
6. Which is whose?
7. O-oh! Look at me!!
8. Comparin' cameras

9. Posin' pretty



CLASSES

Jim —
13 est of Jack
to a real swell
kid. Have seen
this summer.

Judy
59



Senior History

DONNING THEIR GRADUATING caps and gowns in preparation for entering the auditorium for the last time as students, the Class of 1957 will pause a few seconds to reminisce over the past four years that they have spent as students of Mendota High School.

Our first recollection as high school students goes back to a bright September morning in the fall of the year when our freshman class first entered the halls of MHS for the annual Orientation Day. The day was an enormous help in making new friends, meeting new teachers, and getting acquainted with the school. Our first duty as new students was to elect the officers and Student Council representatives who would guide us in our undertakings during the year. To those posts we elected Dave Wulf class president, Jim Boyle vice president, Dave Dewey secretary-treasurer, and Gerry Bryan, Peg Gorman, Mary Hendrick, and Bob Miller, Student Council representatives. Our advisors were Mr. East, Mr. Gehler, Miss Kimmel, Mr. Mann, and Miss Pottinger.

In the sports field we were quite active as freshmen. Many boys joined the football and basketball squads and gained much valuable experience by long hours of hard practice. To back up the team two freshman cheerleaders, Karen Doenier and Carol Walter, were elected to the Junior Varsity cheerleading squad.

For the girls who liked sports, GAA was always available. During Heart Sister week one of the largest number of initiations to date went through the crucial test of informal initiation and then attended the banquet in their honor.

To end our first year the most exciting moments were the receiving of our first year-books and the annual class day.

Our sophomore year we were back with a bang. We elected Carol Bansau as our president, Barbara Jacob as vice-president, and Diane Hoffman as secretary-treasurer. Peg Gorman and Mary Hendrick were elected hold-over members and Ronnie Killion, Karen Doenier, and Jan Beards'ey were the newly elected members to the Student Council.

Many memories remain in our minds from our sophomore year . . . the biology trip, Chinatown, the museums, the aquarium . . . choosing and receiving our class rings . . . homecoming, the parade and after game dance with the coronation . . . and lastly all the games and dances. Our sophomore advisors were Mr. Swan, Mr. Gehler, Mr. East, Miss Pottinger, and Mr. Mann.

The grand march at our Junior Prom, Pink Fantasy





Parents, youngsters, and underclassmen all enjoy watching students enter the Elks for the wonderful all-night prom following the school prom.

Our junior year we were at last upperclassmen and along with that went the responsibilities of preparing our class for the Prom and the class play. To lead our class in our third year we chose Marilyn Schlesinger as president, Sandy Riegel as vice-president, and Shirley Truckenbrod as secretary-treasurer. New members to the Student Council were Bob Bumba, Carol Walter, and Carol Bansau. The highlights of our junior year were our Prom—Pink Fantasy—and our class play, "What a Life". In sports we again had a very successful football season, and participation and interest were very high in track and basketball. Junior cheerleaders on the Varsity squad this year were Karen Doenier, Mary Hendrick, and Carol Walter. A newly formed organization, the Cadets, attracted ten junior girls who enjoyed it very much. Advisors for the Junior year were Miss Pottinger, Mr. Gehler, Miss Stein, Mr. Mann, Mr. Altizer, and Mr. Rollins.

Now we are seniors and as we look back it seems as if only a short time has passed since we were little "Freshies". In our last and most important year we chose to guide us through the many problems that confronted us as seniors Gary Jewel, president; Arlinda Novak, vice-president; and Rose Foster, secretary-treasurer. Members on the Student Council are Jan Beardsley, president; Karen Doenier, vice-president; Carol Bansau, secretary-treasurer; Dick Althaus, Mary Hendrick, Joyce Hopkins, and Bob Bumba. Our class advisors, who deserve a big vote of thanks are Miss Supan, Miss Breese, Mr. Davies, Miss Payne, and Mr. and Mrs. Doenier. Our first activity

of the year was to elect our representatives for the annual Homecoming Day. Karen Doenier and Bob Bradshaw were chosen from our class to reign as king and queen of the homecoming dance with Carol Bansau and Gary Jewel chosen as attendants.

Reminiscing over our senior year, we remember . . . selling pop corn, ice cream, and pop at the games . . . "Our Town" . . . pep sessions and our last football and basketball games . . . exchanging senior photos . . . ordering our graduation invitations . . . our last high school Prom . . . after game dances . . . working on the yearbook . . . deciding our vocation . . . chorus and band and their successful trips to state . . . GAA and all the fun after school, FFA and FHA, Cadets, and the new organization FTA . . . visiting different colleges . . . and last but not least, our classroom memories.

In sports we were quite fortunate and honored to receive the N.C.I.C. conference football title for the eighth consecutive year. Many of the boys also participated in basketball, track, and cross country. All the coaches and boys deserve a lot of credit for making the 1957 sports season a big success and a fitting climax to many wonderful memories of their high school sports. Senior Varsity cheerleaders were Carol Walter, Karen Doenier, and Mary Hendrick, who did their best to cheer the teams on to victory.

And now as baccalaureate and graduation day come closer to reality and we prepare to leave our high school days behind us forever, we close our happy memories of four wonderful years which we will never forget.

The 1957 Seniors



ANN ARCHER

Paw Paw High School 1; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; FTA 4; Contest Play 3; Cafeteria Worker 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus President 4; Girls' Chorus 2, 3; Choir 3; Chorus Festival 2, 3, 4; All State Music Activity 4; Mixed Octet 4; Chorus Contest 4; Atodnem Finance, Candid Snaps Staff Editor, Photographer's Assistant 4; Chorus Accompanist 2, 3, 4; Senior Commencement Speaker 4

RICHARD ALTHAUS

Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 2; Class Play 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Treasurer 2; Student Council 4; Homecoming Committee 4; Assistant Librarian 4, Pages 4; Track 1; Cross Country 2; Projectionist 2, 3, 4; Technicians 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Photographer's Assistant, Finance, Maintenance Staff 4



DAVID BAKER

Prom Committee 3; Track 3, 4; Cross Country 4; Basketball 1, 4; Jr. Varsity 4; Atodnem Maintenance Staff, Finance, Sports Staff, Photographer's Assistant 4

VERNA AUCHSTETTER

Prom Committee 3; Cafeteria Worker 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Band Festival 2; Band Contest 3; Instrumental Ensemble 3; Atodnem Finance 4



HENRY AMFAHR

Prom Committee 3; FFA 1, 3, 4; Cross Country 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, Jr. Varsity 4; Boys' Chorus 1; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, FFA Page Editor 4

SHARON KLEIN

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Class Play Makeup 4; Class Play Usher 4; Class Play Costume Committee 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 4; Assistant Librarian 3, Pages 3; Pep Club 2; Baton Twirler 3, 4; Atodnem Debate and Speech Page Editor, Candid Snaps Staff, Finance 4



JANET BECKER

Prom Committee 3; Cafeteria Worker 1, 3; Girls' Chorus 4; Girls' Octet 4; Chorus Contest 4; Atodnem Finance, Candid Snaps Staff 4; Homecoming Committee 3

BOB BUMBA

Senior Commencement Committee 4; Prom Committee 3; Class Play Make-up 4; Student Council 3, 4; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; Debate 1; All School Play Makeup 4; All School Play Stage Construction 4; Track 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4, Captain 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4, Jr. Varsity 4, Varsity 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Senior Commencement Speaker 4

CAROL BANSAU

Class President 2; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3; Class Play Prompter 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 4; FTA 4; Student Council 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Pages 3, 4; Band 1; Atodnem Finance, Senior Staff, Photographer's Assistant 4; DAR Award 4



BILL BROWN

Prom Committee 3; FTA 4; All School Play 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, State Champ 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Projectionist Repairman 4; Atodnem Finance 4

BRENDA BURLEY

Paw Paw High School 1; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Class Play Makeup 4; Class Play Usher 3; GAA 2; FHA 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Music Committee 3; Girls' Chorus 2, 3; Girls' Chorus Music Committee 2; Choir 3, 4; Chorus Festival 3, 4; Atodnem Candid Snaps Staff, Finance 4; Assistant Librarian 4

C. WILLIAM DICKEY

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; All School Play 3; All School Play Costume Committee 3; All School Play Stage Construction 3; Contest Play 4; Debate 1; Hi-Light Staff 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Jr. Varsity 3; Statistician 4; Atodnem Maintenance Staff, Finance 4

BRUCE BAUMGARTNER

Prom Committee 3; FFA 1, 2, 4; All School Play Stage Construction 1, 2; Choir 3; Boys' Chorus 3; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

JOYCE BECKER

Prom Committee 3; Cafeteria Worker 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance 4

BOB AUCHSTETTER

Prom Committee 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Reporter 3; All School Play Stage Construction 2; Track 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

BEATRICE CRENSHAW

Pontiac Michigan High School 1, 2, 3; Cadets 4; Atodnem Faculty Division Editor, Finance 4

CAROL COWLEY

Dixon High School 1, 1½; Class Play Usher 3; Prom Committee 3; Choir 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JACK JACOBS

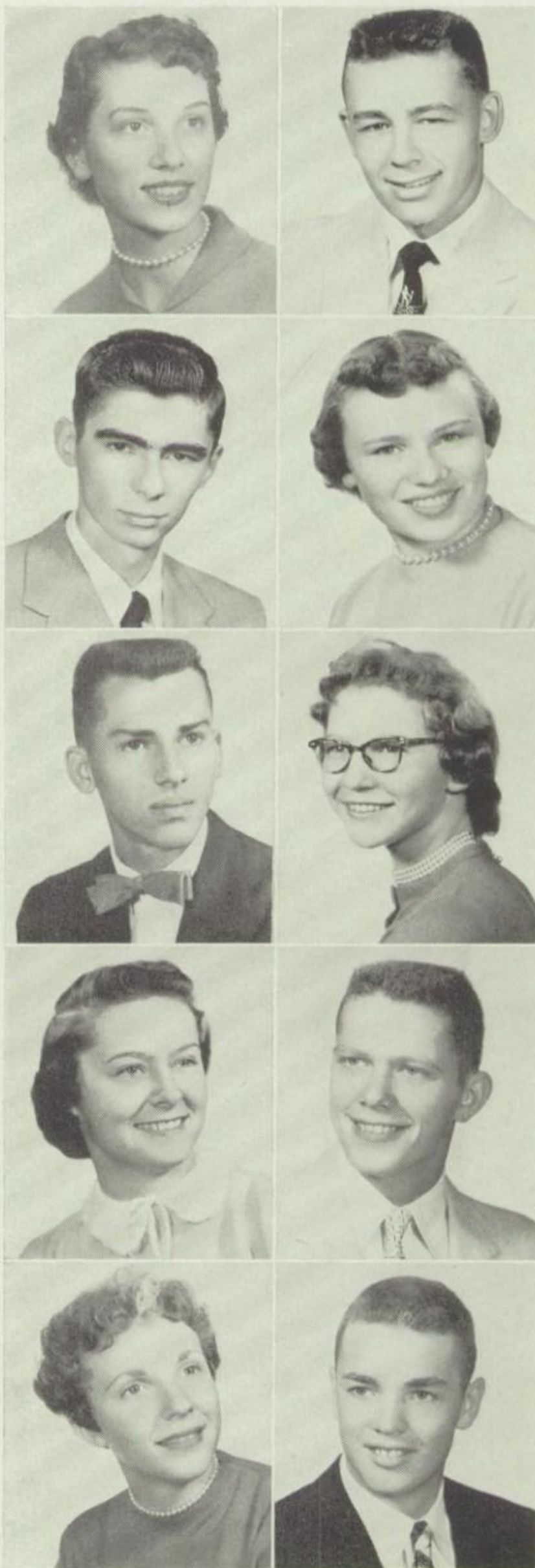
Paw Paw High School 1; Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3; FTA 4; All School Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Sports Editor 4; Assistant Librarian 3; Cross Country 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

KAREN DOENIER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Make-up 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 2; Basketball Manager 1; FHA 4; FTA 4; Secretary-Treasurer 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Attendant 2; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Pages 4; Pep Club 2; Band 1; Atodnem Finance, Senior Staff, Faculty Staff, Photographer's Assistant 4

BOB BRADSHAW

Paw Paw High School 1; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3; Homecoming King 4; Projectionist 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Captain 4; Atodnem Maintenance Staff, Sports Staff 4



Parade, game, and dance marked our final Homecoming



DAVID O. WULF

Class President 1; Prom Committee 3; FTA 4; Homecoming Attendant 1; Track 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Boys' Chorus 3; Chorus Festival 3; Projectionist 4; Atodnem Finance 4



DONNA EMERICK

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Usher 3; Pep Club 2; Girls' Chorus 4; Music Committee 4; Chorus Contest 4; Girls' Octet 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, Candid Snaps Staff 4



CAROL CARNAHAN

Paw Paw High School 1; Prom Committee 3; Senior Commencement Committee 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Band Festival 3, 4; Band Contest 3, 4; Instrumental Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Activities Division Editor, Future Teachers Page Editor, Atodnem Staff Page Editor, Candid Snaps Staff, Photographer's Assistant 4



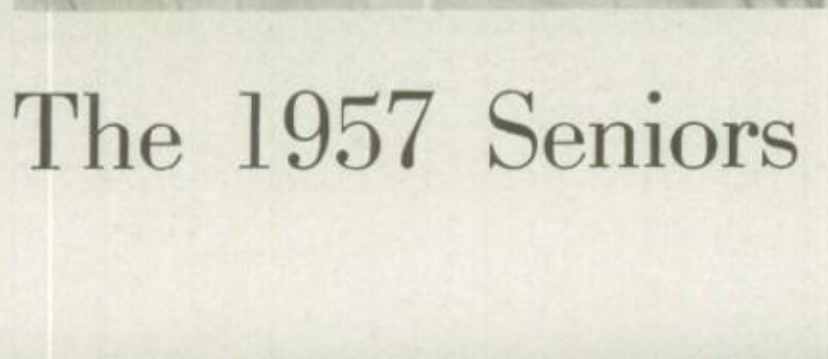
GERRY BRYAN

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Student Council 1; Track 3, 4; Cross Country 3, 4; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, Sports Staff 4



DONNA CHAON

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Class Play Usher 4; FHA 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Pep Club 2; Cadets 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Debate and Speech Page Staff 4



EDWARD LANE

Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4

BARBARA EDEN

Paw Paw High School 1; Prom Committee 3; Band 3, 4; Band Festival 4; Band Contest 4; Instrumental Ensemble 4; Atodnem Finance, Music Pages Editor 4

ROLAND FABER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Track 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Mechanical Arts Staff 4

JIM GEHANT

Paw Paw High School 1; FFA 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4; Prom Committee 3

JUDY ROHR

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Make-up 3, 4; Homecoming Committee 4; Debate 1; Hi-Light Staff 4; Feature Editor 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Pep Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Girls' Chorus 3; Choir 3; Chorus Festival 3; Chorus Contest 3; Atodnem Finance, Art Staff (Division Pages), Planning Staff 4

The 1957 Seniors

Our senior pictures found us looking our best

RONALD JONES

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Track 3, 4; Basketball 1; Atodnem Maintenance Staff, Finance 4



PAT DELHOTAL

Lee Center High School 1; Prom Committee 3; GAA 2, 3, 4; Class Play Prompter 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Girls' Chorus 2, 3; Choir 2, 3; Atodnem Finance, Homecoming and Student Council Page Editor 4



JIM BADER

Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 2; Class Play 4; Contest Play 4; Track 4; Cross Country 2, 4; Manager 3; Basketball 1, 4, Jr. Varsity 4; Band 2, 3; Band Contest 3; Technicians 2; Atodnem Maintenance Staff, Finance, Faculty Pages Staff, Photographer's Assistant 4

ROSE FOSTER

Class Secretary-Treasurer 4; Senior Commencement Committee 4; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Class Play Prompter 3; GAA 1, 2, 3; Debate 1; Assistant Librarian 4; Pages 4; Pep Club 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 3, 4; Choir 3; Chorus Festival 1, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Photographer's Assistant 4



TOM CRAINE

Class Play 4; Track 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1; DO Club 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JUDITH FRANSEN

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Usher 3; FHA 1, 2; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance 4



ESTHER FUNFSINN

Prom Committee 3; Cafeteria Worker 1; Atodnem Finance 4

EUGENE NOVAK

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, Treasurer 3; Assistant Librarian 4; Pages 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 4; Basketball 1; Projectionist 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4



PEGGY GORMAN

Prom Committee 3; GAA 1; FHA 1, 4; Student Council 1, 2; Homecoming Committee 2; Assistant Librarian 3; Pages 3; Pep Club 2; Class Play Usher 3; Class Play Costume Committee 4; Atodnem Finance, Faculty Division Editor 4

JIM LOBBINS

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Contest Play Stage Construction 3, 4; DO Club 3, 4; Track 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1; Atodnem Finance 4

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BILL WALTERS

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Class Play Publicity 3, 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; All School Play 3; All School Play Stage Construction 3; All School Play Publicity 3; All School Play Property Committee 3; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

ROBERTA R. HAHN

Lee Center High School 1, 2, 3; Class Play 4; Cadets 4; Mixed Chorus 4



VERNON MAST

Senior Commencement Committee 4; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Track 3, Manager 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance 4

LINDA HOOD

Prom Committee 3; FHA 4; Pep Club 2; Cadets 3; Atodnem GAA Page Editor, Finance 4



MARY HENDRICK

Senior Commencement Committee 4; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3; Class Play Make-up 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Volley Ball Manager 2; FHA 4; FTA 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Contest Play 3; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; News Editor 4; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Pages 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Band 1; Atodnem Finance, Photographer's Assistant, Senior Division Editor 4

AVERY MERRIMAN

Paw Paw High School 1; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4, Varsity 3, Jr. Varsity 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Music Committee 3; Choir 3; Boys' Chorus 3; Chorus Festival 3; Senior Commencement Committee 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, Sports Staff 4



JANET GROTHEN

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Make-up 4; FTA 4; Historian and Reporter 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, FHA Page Editor 4; Homecoming Committee 4

DENNIS HAGEMANN

Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4



JEROME SCHMIDT

Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4; Class Play Construction 1, 2

BARB JACOB

Class Vice-President 2; Pep Club 2; Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 2; Class Play 4; Class Play Usher 3; Class Play Property Committee 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 4; Band Festival 2, 3, 4; Band Contest 2, 4; Atodnem Finance, Homeroom Division Editor, Photographer's Assistant 4

JOHN KUEHL

Prom Committee 3; Master of Ceremonies 3; Class Play 3, 4; Class Play Stage Construction 4; NFL 2, 3, 4; Active Member 2, 3, 4; Speech Contestant 2, 3, 4; State Winner (5th) 2; Contest Play 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Band Contest 4; Band Festival 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

NANCY JOHNSON

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Make-up 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Pep Club 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 4; Band Festival 2, 3; Band Contest 2, 3; Instrumental Ensemble 2, 3; Chorus Festival 4; Chorus Contest 4; Girls' Octet 4; Choir 4; Atodnem Finance 4

DIANE HOFFMAN

Class Secretary-Treasurer 2; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Class Play Usher 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Pages 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Girls' Chorus 1, 4; Vice-President 4; Choir 2, 3; Chorus Festival 3, 4; Atodnem Homeroom Staff, Finance 4

BOB MONTAVON

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Debate 1; Track 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1; Movie Projectionist 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

JEAN LARABEE

Prom Committee 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Pep Club 2; Girls' Chorus 4; Atodnem Finance 4

DALE MELLOTT

Paw Paw High School 1; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Class Play Stage Construction 2, 3; FFA 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 3; Football 2, 3; Varsity 3; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

CAROL WALTER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Make-up 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Student Council 3; Homecoming Committee 3; Homecoming Attendant 1; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; News Editor 4; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance, Typist, Maintenance 4

HOWARD BECKER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; FTA 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, Jr. Varsity 4; Boys' Chorus 1; Atodnem Finance 4

JAN BEARDSLEY

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; President 4; Parliamentarian 3; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Contest Play 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Senior Commencement Speaker 4

BETTY LOU KIDD

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; All School Play 3; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Pages 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance 4



Our concession stand at games enlarged our treasury



GARY BANKES

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3



JOYCE KIDD

Prom Committee 3; FHA 1, 2; Pep Club 2; Cadets 3; Atodnem Finance 4; Class Play Usher 3



RITA KREISER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Usher 3; All School Play Usher 3; Atodnem Finance 4



FRANK METZEN

Prom Committee 3; Football 1, 2; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4



LINDA KIDD

Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance, Cheerleaders, Cadets, and Twirlers Page Editor 4



BOB MILLER

East Aurora High School 2; Prom Committee 3; Student Council 1; Football 1, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Maintenance Staff 4



GARY JEWEL

Class President 4; Senior Commencement Committee 4; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Class Play Costume Committee 3; Class Play Property Committee 4; FTA 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; All School Play 3; All School Play Property Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Feature Editor 4; Assistant Librarian 3; Track 3, 4; Cross Country 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Basketball 1, 4, Jr. Varsity 4; Statistician 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, Sports Division Editor, Photographer's Assistant 4; Senior Commencement Speaker 4



DONNA MEDLAR

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; GAA 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance 4



SHERRIL MICHEL DEWEY

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Class Play Usher 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, Softball Manager 3; Hi-Light Staff 4, News Editor 4; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Pages 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Girls' Chorus 2; Choir 3; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4



DAVID DEWEY

Class Secretary-Treasurer 1; Class Play 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Class Play Property Committee 3; Track 3; Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Basketball 1; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

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The prom and play highlighted our social calendar

MARLENE McCOLLUM

Class Play Usher 3; Prom Committee 3; FHA 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Pages 4; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance, Typist, GAA Page Editor 4

JIM SONNTAG

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Track 2; Band 1; Basketball 1; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

JOANN LONG

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Usher 3; FHA 4; Pep Club 2; Cadets 3; Atodnem Planning Staff, Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

JIM MENZEL

Paw Paw High School 1; Track 3, 4; DO Club 3, 4

BEVERLY NANCE

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Make-up 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming Manager 3; FTA 4; Assistant Librarian 3, Pages 3; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance 4

CRAIG WAGNER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3; All School Play Stage Construction 3; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

ARLINDA NOVAK

Class Vice-President 4; Senior Commencement Committee 4; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Debate 1; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Pages 3, 4; Pages Secretary 3; Pep Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Girls' Chorus 3; Atodnem Finance, Faculty Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Activities Division Editor, Feature Editor 4

JERRY GEORGE

Glen Bard High School 1; Football 3, Varsity 3; DO Club 3, 4

JIM POISEL

Prom Committee 3; Jr. Debate 1; DO Club 3, 4; Football 1; Atodnem Finance 4

SHARON SUE NURNBERG

Class Play Usher 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Cafeteria Worker 1; Cadets 3; Atodnem Finance 4; Prom Committee 3



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JUDITH PALMATIER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Usher 3; GAA 4; Pep Club 2; Cadets 3; Atodnem Planning Staff, Finance 4



EUGENE KLEIN

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 1, 2; DO Club 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, Mechanical Arts Staff 4



BILL GUILFOYLE

FFA 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Atodnem Finance 4



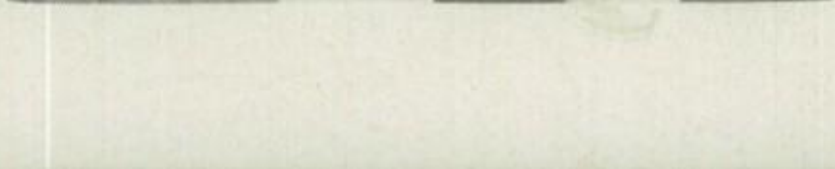
RUTH ANN PANTENBURG

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Usher 3; Cafeteria Worker 1; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance, Candid Snaps Staff 4



JAMES E. FRANKLIN

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; FFA 1, 2; DO Club 3, 4; Track 1, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Band 1; Atodnem Finance 4



JANET PANTENBURG

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Usher 3; Cafeteria Worker 1; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance, Candid Snaps Staff 4



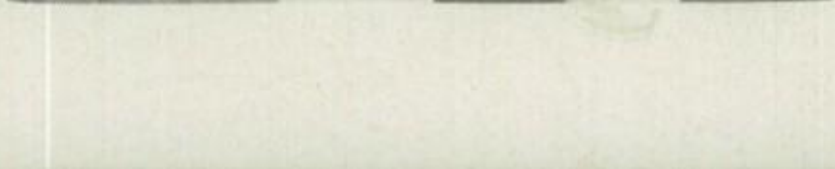
JOYCE HOPKINS

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Property Committee 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; FHA 4; Student Council 4; Homecoming Attendant 3; Assistant Librarian 4; Pages 4; Pep Club 2; Band 1, 2; Band Contest 2; Atodnem Finance 4



NORMAN FASSIG

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 3; Homecoming Attendant 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4



EMMALOU RITTMAYER

Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 2; Class Play 4; FTA 4; Speech Contestant 3, 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Band 1, 2; Cadets 3; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Chorus Festival 2; Atodnem Finance 4

NEAL SCOTT

Prom Committee 3; Football 1; Atodnem Finance 4

MARY AGNES RAPP

Prom Committee 3; FTA 4; Cafeteria Worker 1, 2, 3, 4;
Atodnem Finance 4



DAVID POHL

Football 1, 2; Basketball 1; Track 1; Cross Country 1;
Prom Committee 3; DO Club 3, 4; Class Play Props
Committee 3; All-School Play Props Committee 3;
Atodnem Finance 4

SANDRA RIEGEL

Prom Committee 3; Class Vice-President 3; GAA 1, 2,
3, 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Pep Club 2; Band 1, 2, 3,
4; Baton Twirler 3, 4; Band Festival 2, 3, 4; All State
Music Activity 4; Band Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Instrumental
Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Chorus Contest 4;
Girls Octet 4; Instrumental Soloist 4; Choir 4; Atodnem
Finance, Art Staff (Division Pages) 4



LEONARD D. PRESCOTT

Class Play 4; Class Play Property Committee 3; Band
1, 2, 3, 4; Band Festival 2, 3, 4; Band Contest 3, 4;
Instrumental Ensemble 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

GLEN TRUCKENBROD

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Presi-
dent 3, Vice-President 2; Homecoming Attendant 2; All
School Play 3; All School Play Stage Construction 3;
Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4



MARILYN SCHLESINGER

Class President 3; Senior Commencement Committee
4; Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Class Play
Usher 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; FHA 4;
FTA 4, President 4; Assistant Librarian 3, 4, Pages 3, 4;
Pep Club 2; Band 1, 2; Band Festival 2; Atodnem
Finance, Journalism Page Editor, Senior Staff 4

GERALDINE SAUER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 4; FHA 4; Mixed Chorus
4; Girls' Chorus 1; Chorus Festival 1; Atodnem Finance
4



GORDON MILLER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 1,
2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, Varsity 3; Atodnem Finance 4

JAMES MITCHELL

La Salle-Peru High School 1; Prom Committee 3; Class
Play 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, Senior
Play Page Editor, Mechanical Arts Staff 4



ANITA SUE WORSLEY

Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 2; Class Play 4;
Class Play Usher 3, 4; FHA 4; Assistant Librarian 4;
Pages 4; Pep Club 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 3, 4; Secretary,
Treasurer 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 3; Choir 3; Chorus Festival
1, 3, 4; All State Music Activity 4; Chorus Contest 4;
Octet 4; Solo 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff;
Candid Snaps Staff, Music Pages, Editor 4

*Lots of fun
back gym
a pal
always*

Graduation: the final accent to a memorable year



MARILYN ELIZABETH SWOPE

Paw Paw High School 1; Class Play 4; Class Play Usher 3; GAA 2, 3; Tumbling Manager 3; Cadets 4; Baton Twirler 3; Homecoming Attendant 2; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4



ROBERT L. EICHORN

Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Track 2; Cross Country 2; Atodnem Finance 4



GARY SHAVER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Construction 1, 2, 4; Electrician 4; Basketball 1; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, Sports Staff 4



ANNETTE TRUCKENBROD

Prom Committee 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Baton Twirler 1, 2, 3; Drum Major 4; Band Festival 1, 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Student Council and Homecoming Page Editor 4



DOROTHY SCHAMMEL

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Make-up 4; Contest Play Make-up 4; Class Play Usher 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Public Relations 3; Cafeteria Worker 1; Pep Club 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4



GERALD D. GEUTHER

Atodnem Finance 4



RUTHIE ZIMMERMAN

Class Play 4; Class Play Publicity 4; Class Play Usher 4; Prom Committee 3; FHA 1; Pep Club 2; Cadets 3; Mixed Chorus 3; Girls' Chorus 3; Choir 3; Atodnem Finance, Art Staff (Division Pages) 4



DON DONOVAN

DO Club 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4



ARTHUR FREY

Prom Committee 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 3; Ring Committee 2; Atodnem Mechanical Arts Staff, Finance, Maintenance 4



SHIRLEY M. TRUCKENBROD

Class Secretary-Treasurer 3; Prom Committee 3; Class Play Make-up 4; Class Play Usher 3; FHA 4; Pages 3, 4; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Treasurer; Pep Club 2; Atodnem Finance, Homeroom Staff 4

The 1957 Seniors

Our advisors and officers, the leaders in our final year

LEONARD FUNFSINN

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3;
All School Play Stage Construction 3; Football 1;
Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff 4

LEO FUNFSINN

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3;
All School Play Stage Construction 3; Contest Play
Stage Construction 3; FFA 2; Atodnem Finance, Main-
tenance Staff 4

ARNOLD KAISER

Prom Committee 3; FFA 1; All School Play Stage Con-
struction 1, 3; DO Club 4; Atodnem Finance, Mainte-
nance Staff 4

JOHN KILMARTIN

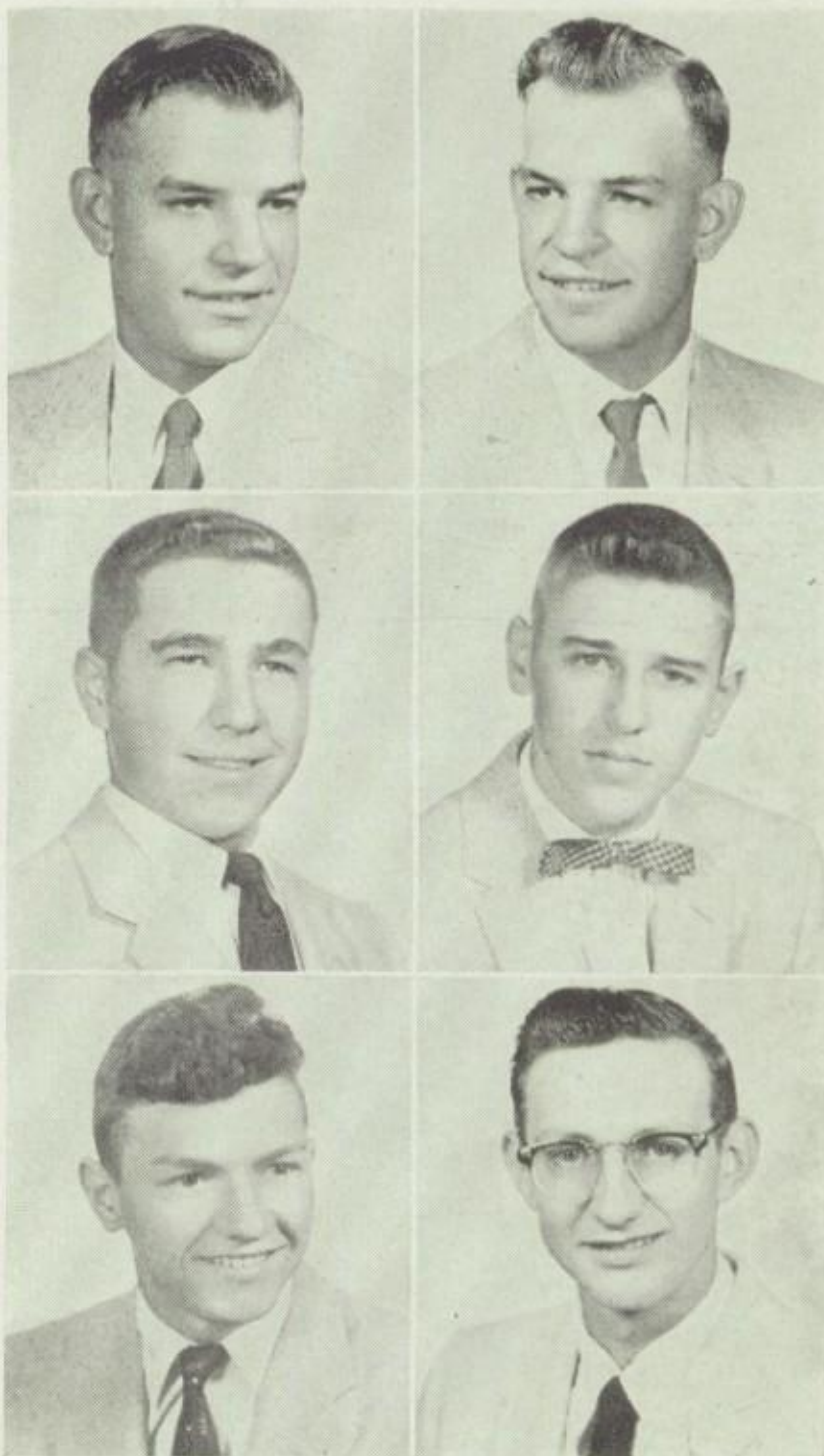
Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4, Sports Editor 4;
Track 3, 4; Cross Country 3, 4; Football 1; Basketball
1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, Jr. Varsity 4; Atodnem Sports Staff,
Maintenance Staff, Finance 4

NORM SCHLESINGER

Prom Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; FFA 2, 3, 4, Vice
President 3; Track 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 4; Basketball
1; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance Staff, FFA Page
Editor 4; Senior Commencement Speaker 4

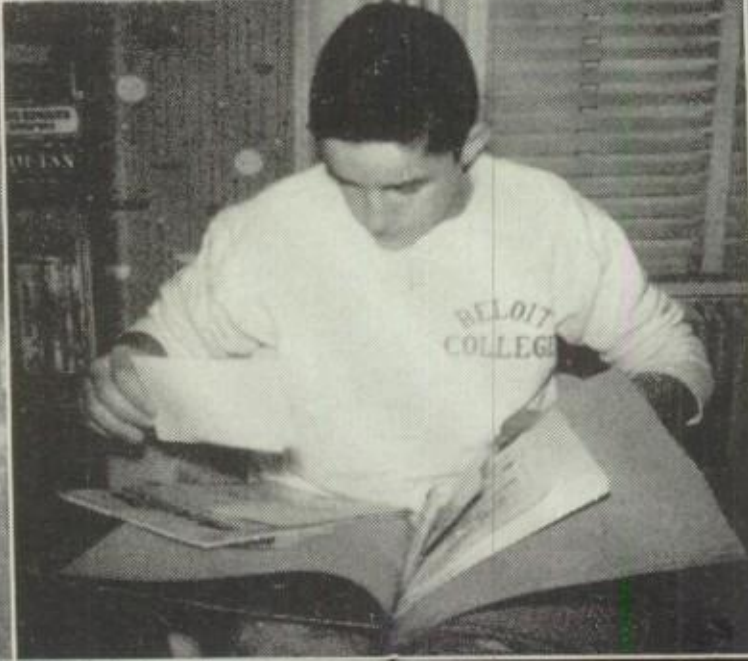
NORMAN A. LEMMER

Amboy High School 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; DO Club
3, 4



SENIOR ADVISORS AND CLASS OFFICERS

STANDING: Mrs. Doenier, Mr. Doenier, Miss Supan, Mr. Davies, Miss Payne; SEATED: Miss Breese, Arlinda Novak, vice-president, Gary Jewel, president, Rose Foster, secretary-treasurer





Marty Huss (President), Patti Booth (Secretary-Treasurer), Elson Bettner (Vice-President)

Juniors

THE CLASS OF "58" stepped into their new role as upperclassmen this year with a lot of enthusiasm. Under the watchful eye of their class officers, who included Marty Huss, president, Elson Bettner, vice-president, and Patti Booth, secretary-treasurer, they came through their toughest year, heretofore, in the halls of MHS.

Marilyn Kerns, Janice Cotton, Stan Gehler, Tom Jacob, Cheryl Brown, and Diane Schultz were the Student Council representatives from the junior class while Dean Ellsworth and Marion Hahn were chosen to represent their class as Homecoming attendants.

Dances sponsored by the juniors included the Christmas Dance, an after-game dance, and a Friday night dance in April, all of which were decisively overshadowed by plans for the Prom.

The class chose "Harbor Lights" as the theme for the Prom. The committee, which included Jim Lines, Diane Schultz, Marilyn Kerns, Patti Booth, Jackie Johns, Gif Pohl, Rita Herbert, Mina Jackson, Cheryl Brown, Elson Bettner, and Marty Huss, followed up very nicely and put everything in "shipshape" form to

provide a very memorable evening for themselves and the seniors.

As spring neared, the class presented "The Curious Savage" as the junior class play. The cast of eleven and Mr. Warren, the director of the play, combined efforts to provide evening for all who attended.

Helping the class along over the many problems that confronted them during the year were the class advisors, Mr. Lewis, Miss Dose, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Morris, Miss Strouss, and Mr. Ross. All were important factors in making this a successful year for the juniors.

PROM CHAIRMEN

BACK ROW: M. Kerns, J. Lines, D. Schultz, P. Kennedy;
FRONT ROW: P. Booth, C. Brown, R. Herbert; ABSENT:
M. Huss, E. Bettner, J. Johns, M. Jackson, G. Pohl



*The theme of our Prom was **HARBOR LIGHTS***



BACK ROW: C. Kuntzi, L. McIntyre, S. Snyder, S. Phalen, M. Maus; THIRD ROW: J. Neuhalfen, N. Parks, Mr. Morris, T. Parsons, A. Lipke, D. Mackin; SECOND ROW: G. Pohl, F. Pohl, G. Pohl, N. McCormick, J. Lines; FRONT ROW: L. Olson, K. Morehouse, R. McLaughlin, L. Merritt



BACK ROW: C. Greenwood, M. Elsesser, H. Goslin, B. Eden, E. Gray; THIRD ROW: D. Funfsinn, D. Ellsworth, Miss Dose, M. Hahn, L. Dewey; SECOND ROW: S. Gehler, J. Hampson, J. Hudak, J. Franklin, J. Hessenberger; FRONT ROW: H. Goebel, R. Herbert, R. Higgins, M. Draper; ABSENT: D. Engels, R. Henkel



BACK ROW: S. Yost, E. Wixom, S. Whitmore, B. Walters, K. Wagner; THIRD ROW: B. Zinke, W. Whipple, Mr. Ross, E. Wood, D. Truckenbrod; SECOND ROW: G. Thompson, F. Wehmeyer, J. Yohn, G. Wallgren; FRONT ROW: D. Weber, P. Zinke, R. Tower; ABSENT: J. Weber, C. Weiler, J. Zolper

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE was the name of our play

BACK ROW: N. Roach, N. Sheridan, Miss Strouss, E. Rich, K. Schlesinger; MIDDLE ROW: R. Saueressig, M. Rich, R. R. Spitz, J. Schultz, M. Stremlau; FRONT ROW: E. Simpson, W. Sauer, D. Schultz; ABSENT: D. Possley, A. Rapp, T. Roth, C. Schnuckel



BACK ROW: D. Jacob, M. Huss, M. Jackson, Mr. Richardson, P. Kennedy, J. Johns; MIDDLE ROW: R. Kerns, R. King, T. Jacob, R. Johnson, D. Jones, R. Kilburn; FRONT ROW: J. Kromm, R. Jacob, M. Kerns, N. Klinefelter, S. Klinefelter; ABSENT: K. Jackson, D. Katzwinkel, R. Jones



BACK ROW: P. Booth, J. Bankes, G. Bentley, C. Brown, M. Bird; THIRD ROW: C. Betz, J. Corrigan, Mr. Lewis, M. Bufford, R. Bumba, J. Cotton; SECOND ROW: J. Balch, G. Brunner, J. Broughton, R. Classon, J. Ambler; FRONT ROW: J. Corcoran, G. Buettner, E. Bettner, P. Brown; ABSENT: J. Boyle







Vonda Heitz (Secretary-Treasurer), John Mau (President), Betty Baker (Vice-President).

Sophomores

THE SOPHOMORE CLASS came into this 56-57 school year under the leadership of John Mau, who was elected president of the class at the close of the preceding year. The other class officers were Betty Baker, vice-president, and Vonda Heitz, secretary-treasurer.

Representing the class in the Student Council were Kent Truckenbrod, Jim Owens, Bob Masters, Margaret Hendrick and Donna Inness. Donna Inness was also one of the Homecoming attendants along with Larry Davis.

The highlight of the year as in every student's sophomore year at MHS was the biology trip. Chinatown, the museums, and the Aquarium were just a few of the high spots enjoyed by all the students who participated in the trip.

The class sponsored two parties during the course of the year. One of these was a "Get Acquainted Party" for the freshmen, and the other was a record dance after the Rock Falls game. Both were big successes.

Probably the biggest problem that faced the class of "59" during the year was the selecting of their class rings. The committee that selected the style and company consisted of Larry Davis, Sue Schrock, Beth Ekstrom, Carolyn Musick, Bob Masters, Jim Bradshaw, and John Mau. They were assisted by their class advisors, who were Mr. Warren, Mr. Brogly, Mr. Altizer, Mr. Kirchner, and Mr. Gore.

As sophomores we began to participate in the

High light of the year was getting our rings



BACK ROW: B. Franklin, S. Hessenberger, C. Gilmore, K. Gehant, M. E. Fenwick, B. Faulkner, V. Heitz; THIRD ROW: P. Fitzgerald, C. Glaser, T. Guilloyle, Mr. Altizer, B. Hancock, D. Geuther, M. Hartley; SECOND ROW: J. Hoffman, Keith Heinzeroth, M. Gleason, G. Gilmore, A. Gehant; FRONT ROW: J. Hessenberger, M. Hendrick, R. Higgins, C. Fitch; ABSENT: J. Fountain



BACK ROW: T. Stephenitch, G. Zolper, G. Zinke, W. Taylor, R. Worsley, G. Wixom; THIRD ROW: J. Zimmerman, R. Vincent, J. Willard, Mr. Kirchner, S. Tower, G. Truckenbrod, S. Walzer, SECOND ROW: L. Tentler, R. Wells, K. Truckenbrod, L. Walker, K. Vermillion, A. Zimmerman; FRONT ROW: B. Stafford, G. Zimmerman, C. Taylor, T. Truckenbrod, K. Weygand

major activities of high school life at MHS

BACK ROW: R. Michel, P. Janes, J. Klinefelter, R. Mellott, R. Meier, J. Jones; THIRD ROW: D. Inness, B. Kleckner, Mr. Gore, J. Kennedy, E. Korneman, W. Munson; SECOND ROW: J. Kessler, W. Leiser, N. Miller, A. Mitchell, J. Mau, R. Masters; FRONT ROW: R. Motter, M. A. Klein, T. Munson, B. Kutter, K. Metzen; ABSENT: P. Mc Laughlin



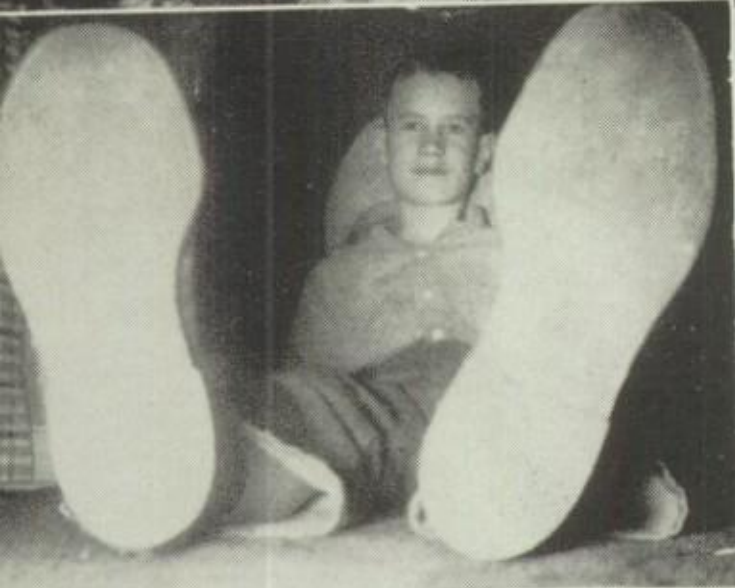
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*Kath Piller
lots of luck to
a good "bawny"
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BACK ROW: J. Auchstetter, C. Bentley, K. Fassig, A. Biers, J. Carnahan, J. Edwards, B. Bowne; THIRD ROW: B. Baker, C. Becker, M. Ahlemann, D. Campbell, Mr. Brogly, A. Bialas, D. Budach, M. J. Brady; SECOND ROW: L. Davis, J. Bradshaw, T. Dickey, E. Collings, W. Brandt, J. Bryan, K. Craine; FRONT ROW: J. Crenshaw, R. Dinges, R. Davis, B. Ekstrom, G. Bader, M. Ambler







Diana Jacobs (Vice-President), Linda Mitchell (Secretary-Treasurer), John Galleher (President).

Freshmen

THE CLASS OF "60" entered the halls of MHS in the traditional "state of confusion" that hampers all freshmen in the first few weeks of school. After the "quelling period" they held their class elections with John Galleher coming out as president, followed by Diana Jacobs as vice-president, and Linda Mitchell, secretary-treasurer. Student Council representatives were Phil Yenerich, Pat Carr, Patti Biers, and Martha Guilfoyle.

To help lead the Junior Varsity squad on to victory the student body chose Pat Carr and Martha Guilfoyle as cheerleaders from the freshman class. Homecoming also called for a contribution from the freshman class, and they chose Linda Mitchell and Oscar Countryman as attendants from their class.

On the money earning side the Freshmen sponsored a record dance after a basketball game. To lead the class this year in all their problems was the job of the class advisors who were: Mr. Rollins, Miss Stein, Mr. Gehler, Miss Pottinger, Mr. Gooden, Miss Nash, and Mr. Murdock.

BACK ROW: B. Burkhardt, J. Archer, S. Althaus, C. Bauman, D. Becker; THIRD ROW: P. Boyle, B. Althaus, Miss Pottinger, S. Boyle, A. Ambler, J. Auchstetter; SECOND ROW: F. Bolling, J. Archer, L. Ambler, R. Becket, N. Broughton; FRONT ROW: K. Bell, J. Caldwell, K. Betz, P. Biers



We're just starting out but we're beginning



BACK ROW: H. Hessenberger, P. Gibbs, R. Harmon, K. Hampson, M. Guilfoyle, D. Gallagher, THIRD ROW: R. Greskiwcz, C. Flaherty, M. Gallagher, Mr. Gooden, K. Heinzeroth, T. Fransen, R. Glaser; SECOND ROW: R. Franklin, J. Galleher, C. Frey, W. Harris, D. Harrison, R. Henkels; FRONT ROW: W. Hartt, R. Graper, E. Henry, R. Greisen, J. Hartford; ABSENT: R. Goubeaux



BACK ROW: C. Williams, J. Vincent, D. Wade, J. Whipple, S. Walzer, R. Wennmacher, D. Thompson; THIRD ROW: K. Wagner, A. Untz, D. Ultch, Miss Stein, J. Wehmeyer, J. Thorne, J. Wright; SECOND ROW: T. Wood, B. Williams, P. Yenerich, S. Wolfe, W. Johnson, J. Ward; FRONT ROW: D. Zimmerman, A. Vickrey, P. Truckenbrod, B. Walters, G. Zimmerman; ABSENT: J. Virgil



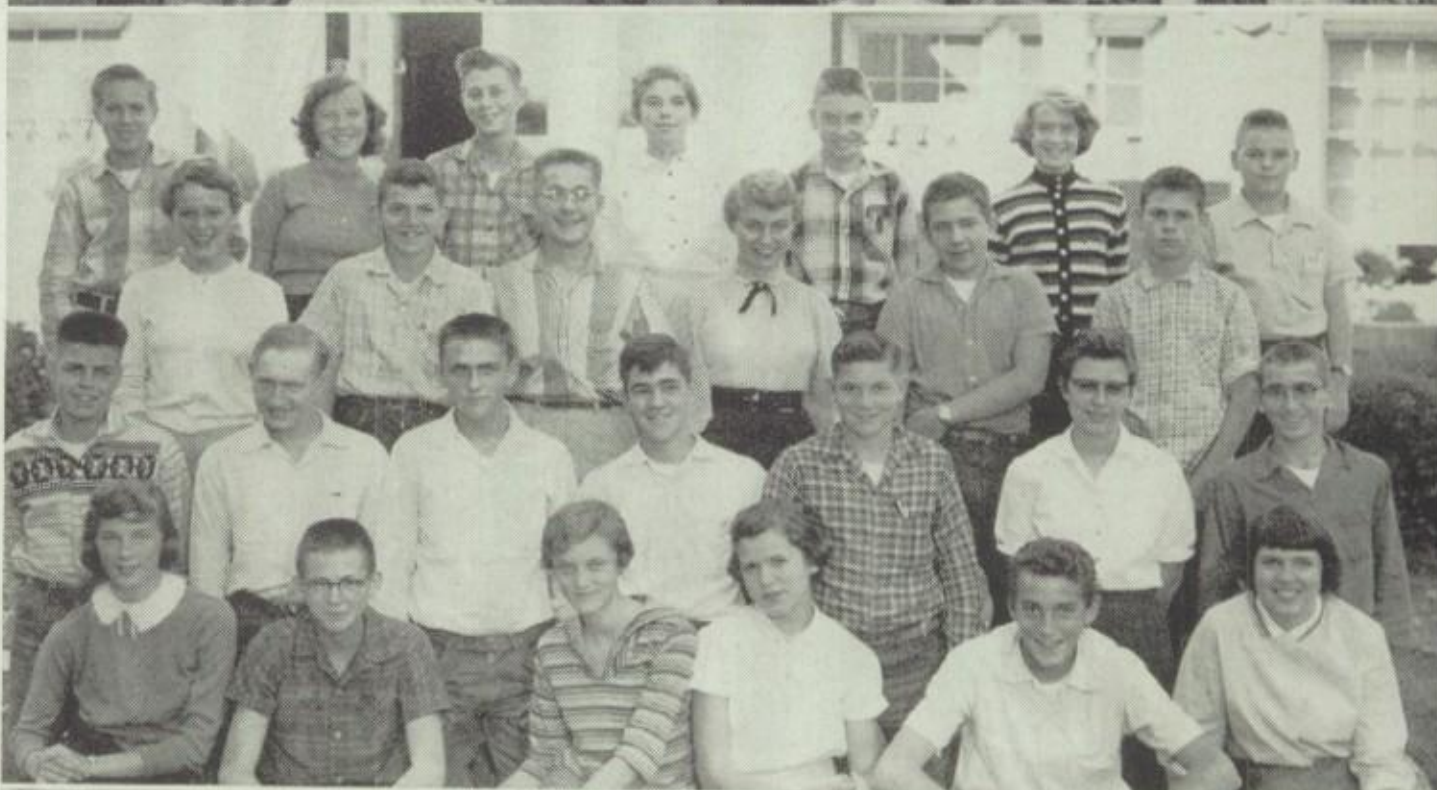
BACK ROW: P. Mackin, J. Manning, J. Michel, J. Mauch, S. Motter, C. O'Sadnick, V. Penoyer; THIRD ROW: E. Olson, A. Near, L. Mitchell, S. Munson, Mr. Gehler, J. Overby, J. Nowicki; SECOND ROW: W. Morris, E. Olson, B. Nashold, K. Nelson, E. Mitchell, R. Penoyer, R. Moss; FRONT ROW: K. Orr, R. Merritt, R. Mathesius, M. Masters, J. Mealey, S. Palmatier

to find our way around — Watch us grow!

BACK ROW: M. Eisert, M. Eisert, J. Cole, K. Coffey, J. Faber, J. Fitzgerald, C. Fenwick; THIRD ROW: M. Corrigan, R. Farley, S. Coffey, P. Craine, Mr. Murdock, F. Donagh, M. Donahue, P. Carr; SECOND ROW: J. Druen, R. Conley, T. Corrigan, N. Fieldman, J. Deaner, R. Fisher, R. Finley; FRONT ROW: J. Corzine, M. Ferrell, D. Carter, O. Countryman, C. Classon, C. Estes; ABSENT: J. Farmer



BACK ROW: J. Shivell, N. Riegel, L. Schwemlein, J. Stremkau, R. Stevenson, C. Swisher, E. Sheridan; THIRD ROW: J. Rider, M. Schlesinger, D. Rogers, K. Scheidenhelm, D. Roth, J. Saylor; SECOND ROW: J. Roegner, D. Stamberger, R. Schultz, A. Price, K. Ponto, J. Stiel, J. Thorne; FRONT ROW: J. Scholl, S. Stein, C. Smith, K. Phalen, D. Schammel, S. Reeser; ABSENT: Mr. Rollins



BACK ROW: D. Howarth, K. Laws, J. Hessenberger, L. Kennedy, M. Kuntzi, T. Kuntzi; THIRD ROW: C. Jones, P. Jones, Miss Nash, N. Jones, D. Johnson, A. Lorack; SECOND ROW: D. Jacobs, V. Larson, J. Jones, F. Jones, M. Koerper, S. Kessel; FRONT ROW: L. Kerns, B. Kelley, D. Kromm, L. Jackson, T. Kerns; ABSENT: M. McLaughlin, L. Ladenburger





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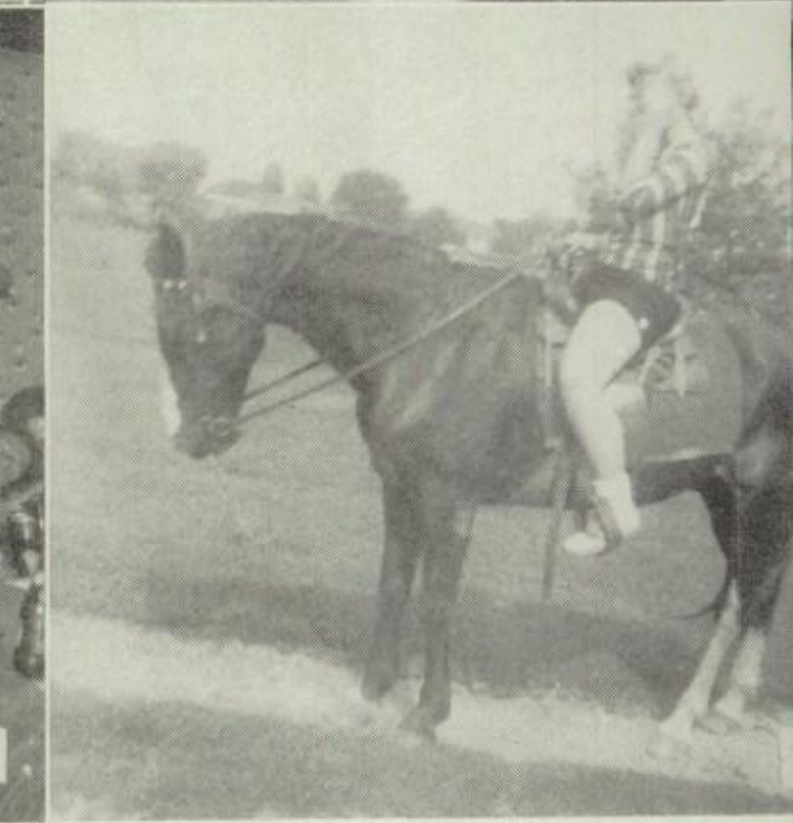
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1. Buddies

2. Pictures: here at last

3. "Quit pickin' on me"

4. "Ho, ho, ho; a swimmin' we will go"

5. "Farewell, Grover's Corners

6. Talked much lately?

7. Sweet dreams

8. Coke?

9. Main object: horse



ACTIVITIES

Homecoming

Pep Sessions

Parade

Game

Dance

THE HIGH LIGHT of the Student Council this year was the annual Homecoming Day on October 19, with a parade, pep sessions, game, and all the other activities that go along with it. The Council chose "AUTUMN LEAVES" for their theme and decorated the gym accordingly for the dance. The committees for the Homecoming were as follows: Decorating—Mary Hendrick, Chairman, Karen Doenier, Joyce Hopkins, Carol Bansau, Bob Bumba, and Richard Althaus. Ceremonies—Tom Jacob, Jim Owens, Kent Truckenbrod, and Stan Gehler. Parade—Donna Inness, Chairman, Margaret Hendrick, Cheryl Brown, and Diane Schultz. Sales—Bob Bumba, Chairman, Marilyn Kerns, and Janice Cotton.

All the activities centered around the big Homecoming game. An otherwise joyous occasion was saddened by our loss to Rock Falls.



The pep session after the parade, and the Snake Dance and Bonfire the night before the Homecoming.

The Grand March of the Homecoming Dance after the crowning of the king and queen.





BACK ROW: P. Yenerich, B. Bumba, K. Truckenbrod, R. Althaus, S. Gehler, J. Owens; THIRD ROW: D. Inness, M. Hendrick, D. Schultz, J. Hopkins, M. Kerns, P. Biers; SECOND ROW: J. Cotton, M. Hendrick, P. Carr, C. Brown, M. Guilfoyle; FIRST ROW: Mr. Brogly, C. Bansau, J. Beardsley, K. Doenier, T. Jacob, Mr. Davies

Student Council

IN THE SPRING OF 1956, the installation of the new Student Council officers was held in an assembly. Those elected were as follows: Jan Beardsley, president; Karen Doenier, vice-president; Carol Bansau, secretary, treasurer; Tom Jacob, parliamentarian; and Mr. Brogly and Mr. Davies, advisors.

Next on the calendar was the annual Freshman Orientation Day in the fall just before school started. This day was especially important to the new students because they received all the needed information and guidance to put them on the right foot for the oncoming year at MHS.

At the Homecoming dance, with music by Johnny Kaye and his orchestra, everyone joined in the grand march and after it the King and Queen, Bob Bradshaw and Karen Doenier, were crowned. Their attendants were Gary Jewel and Carol Bansau, seniors; Dean Ellsworth and Marian Hahn, juniors; Larry Davis and Donna Inness, sophomores; Oscar Countryman and Linda Mitchell, freshmen.

The Student Council also featured a survey of the town to see what jobs would be available for graduating seniors and other students who might want jobs over the summer.

The Student Council this year started a new system of greeting visitors to the school. A Student Council member was seated in the hall every hour of the day. Anyone coming to visit was greeted by the student and then shown to the place he wanted to go.

The Student Council convention delegates were Tom Jacob and Cheryl Brown, next year's president and vice-president.

New officers were installed on May 20.

Future Teachers Association

THIS YEAR WAS THE FIRST for the Future Teachers Association at MHS. There were twenty-six members in FTA with Mr. Richardson as their advisor. Marilyn Schlesinger was elected and installed as president, Ann Lipke as vice-president, Karen Doenier as secretary-treasurer, Janet Grothen as historian and reporter, and Mary Draper as librarian.

The purposes of this organization are to interest high school students in the profession of teaching and to give high school students interested in becoming teachers vocational information and experience. The student is allowed to explore his own abilities and interests, related to opportunities in teaching. Some of the members were given the opportunity to teach in the Mendota grade schools this year, and, in that way, they found whether they would enjoy teaching and if that is where their interests lie.

All the senior members of the Future Teachers Association were invited to an informal tea at the Hotel Kaskaskia, LaSalle, on May 19, 1957. They were the guests of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for women teachers. Several Mendota teachers are members of this organization.

BACK ROW: R. Herbert, R. Bumba, D. Wulf, B. Brown, R. Bradshaw, J. Kuehl, H. Becker, C. Bansau; THIRD ROW: M. Jackson, J. Neuhallen, S. Klein, M. Draper, B. Nance, K. Morehouse, D. Schultz; SECOND ROW: M. Elssesser, M. Schlesinger, E. Rittmeyer, A. Archer, J. Grothen, K. Doenier; FRONT ROW: Mr. Richardson, B. Zinke, J. Johns, M. A. Rapp, E. Rich, M. L. Maus





BACK ROW: N. Jones, L. Mitchell, H. Rollins, J. Hopkins, L. Jackson, C. Bansau, C. Smith, R. Mathesius, C. Fitch, B. Kidd, B. Burley; FIFTH ROW: D. Medlar, L. Hood, D. Inness, C. Bentley, S. Truckenbrod, C. Taylor, E. Schammel, B. Hancock, G. Sauer, D. Chaon; FOURTH ROW: C. Walter, K. Doenier, M. Hendrick, M. McCollum, S. Nurnberg, M. Schlesinger, R. Henkels, P. Fitzgerald, J. Auchstetter; THIRD ROW: J. Faber, D. Wade, M. Ahlemann, A. Worsley, J. Rider, D. Hoffman, P. Roegner, M. Kuntzi, N. Riegel; SECOND ROW: C. Williams, S. Walzer, J. Long, L. McIntyre, Miss Joyce Stein, J. Cotton, P. Gorman, K. Laws, B. Jacob; FRONT ROW: P. Brown, M. Bird, J. Larabee, R. Herbert, S. Phalen, D. Schammel, D. Budach, E. Gray

Future Homemakers of America

WHILE THE BOYS prepare to be future farmers, the girls are introduced to the fun and problems of being future homemakers of America. Therefore the FHA is often considered the "sister" organization of the FFA.

Members of this all-girl organization must have one or more years of home economics. At least one meeting is held each month.

A picnic at Lake Mendota was the first meeting of the year. The new members were guests of the members of longer standing.

Various soap and detergent names were used as a theme on the FHA float in the Homecoming parade. FHA girls stuck their heads out of the various oversized soap boxes. A sign, also containing names of soaps, gave encouragement for a "clean" victory by Mendota over the Rockets from Rock Falls.

Mr. Price, Superintendent of Schools, gave an interesting talk at one of the meetings. His purpose was to further the interest of members in their FHA work.

Good parliamentary procedure was stressed at meetings throughout the year.

At Christmas time, members contributed three boxes of canned food to be given to needy families in the Mendota area. The club also went Christmas carolling.

The mothers of FHA members were invited to the scramble supper and formal initiation of officers on January 10, in the cafeteria.



FORMAL INITIATION OF FHA OFFICERS

Left to right: Donna Chaon, guide; Mary Lou Bird, parliamentarian; Dorothy Schammel, treasurer; Doris Budach, degree chairman; Rita Herbert, president; Silvia Phalen, vice president; Donna Medlar and Eileen Schammel, guides.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendel came to talk to the club on the customs and people of Germany. The Wendels were born in Germany and have repeatedly taken trips to Germany to visit with relatives. Mrs. Wendel displayed and talked about a number of the articles that she has brought home with her from Germany.

Alex Avery of Peru gave a demonstration on hair styling at one of the meetings, and Leonard Klein came once more to demonstrate cake decorating.

Other projects of this group included a bundle drive, the concession stand at one of the

football games, two all-school record dances, and a square dance which was sponsored in connection with the FFA.

The officers for the year were as follows: president, Rita Herbert; vice-president, Silvia Phalen; secretary, Jean Larabee; treasurer, Dorothy Schammel; degree chairman, Doris Budach; historian projects chairman, Linda McIntyre; public relations, Janis Cotton; recreation, Pat Brown and Emily Gray; reporter, Rita Rose Spitz; parliamentarian, Mary Lou Bird; and chapter mother, Mrs. Bird. Miss Joyce Stein and Mrs. Juanita Sondgeroth were faculty advisors for the organization.



Future Farmers of America

"WE BELIEVE in the future of farming." That is how the FFA creed starts. This is what the freshman members were saying when they were initiated in September. It is a national custom for new FFA members to learn the Future Farmers' creed.

The FFA was very active in many ways this year. Some of the boys showed at the FFA fair at Ottawa where they made a good showing. Tom Truckenbrod made the best showing by taking the championship with one of his Angus heifers and first in group A with his other. Other beef winners were Glen Truckenbrod, Keith Piller, Neil Klinefelter, and Justin Corcoran with all but one of Glen Truckenbrod's two steers in the A group. In the dairy division Philip Scheidenhelm placed third in the A group with his Holstein heifer, and Bill Guilfoyle placed second in the B group with both of his Brown Swiss heifers. Jim Kennedy placed second with his gilt and sixth with his Hampshire litter, both in the A group.

Most of the boys with corn projects entered the yield contest in which Dale Mellott placed first in section 8. Dale had a yield of 171 bushels per acre. Jim Ambler raised 169 bushels per acre, but he didn't raise Pioneer corn so Neil Klinefelter placed with a yield of 159 bushels per acre. Some of the boys showed their corn at Yorkville but didn't win much because of the tremendous competition.

The boys put on their annual parent and son banquet in December at which there were one hundred people present.

In November the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Keith Piller, president; Tom Truckenbrod, vice-president; Philip Scheidenhelm, secretary; Kenneth Schlesinger, treasurer; Neil Klinefelter, reporter; and Jim Ambler, sentinel. Fred Morris was the faculty advisor.

To make money, the boys ran the hot dog stand at one of the football games and later sold screwdriver sets.

BACK ROW: L. Davis, B. Baumgartner, B. Guilfoyle, H. Amfahr, R. Althaus, B. Brandt, L. Ambler, R. Saylor; FIFTH ROW: R. Auchstetter, M. Koerper, B. Nashold, F. Pohl, G. Balch, R. Kern, F. Jones, G. Gehant; FOURTH ROW: A. Near, M. Schlesinger, J. Kennedy, D. Kromm, N. Fassig, G. Zimmerman, T. Munson, G. Wixom; THIRD ROW: B. Althaus, J. Deaner, D. Stamberger, J. Saylor, K. Betz, R. Greskiwcz, R. Fischer; SECOND ROW: D. Truckenbrod, N. Klinefelter, J. Ambler, P. Scheidenhelm, R. Piller, T. Truckenbrod, J. Sondgeroth, J. Willard; FIRST ROW: Mr. Morris, D. Mellott, E. Novak, K. Schlesinger, G. Truckenbrod, N. Schlesinger, A. Frey





UPPER LEFT: D. Mellott
UPPER RIGHT: J. Kennedy
LOWER RIGHT: D. Stamberger



FFA Projects

NAME	PROJECT
Bob Althaus	beef
Rich Althaus	beef
Jim Ambler	corn
Lowell Ambler	swine
Henry Amfahr	swine
Bob Auchstetter	beef
Gerald Balch	swine
Bruce Baumgartner	beef & ducks
Ken Betz	beef
Bill Brandt	sheep
Larry Davis	beef
John Deaner	beef
Norm Fassig	beef
Rich Fischer	dairy & beef
Art Frey	dairy
Jim Gehant	dairy
Bob Greskiwcz	dairy
Bill Guilfoyle	dairy
Fay Jones	swine
Jim Kennedy	swine
Roger Kern	corn
Neil Klinefelter	swine & beef
Marvin Koerper	dairy & beef

NAME	PROJECT
Dean Kromm	swine
Dale Mellott	corn & chickens
Tom Munson	swine & dairy
Barney Nashold	gardening
Alvin Near	swine
Eugene Novak	beef
Norm Parks	beef
Keith Piller	beef & swine
Fred Pohl	dairy
Jerry Saylor	dairy
Rich Saylor	swine
Phillip Scheidenhelm	dairy
Kenny Schlesinger	beef & corn
Mervyn Schlesinger	beef
Norm Schlesinger	swine
Jim Sondgeroth	swine
David Stamberger	beef
Danny Truckenbrod	swine
Glen Truckenbrod	beef
Tom Truckenbrod	beef
Jim Willard	beef
George Wixom	dairy & swine
Gerald Zimmerman	swine & beef



BACK ROW: N. Johnson, B. Dickey, J. Kilmartin, J. Jacobs, D. Chaon; MIDDLE ROW: S. Nurnberg, J. Rohr, R. Ichorn, J. Grothen, S. Michel; FRONT ROW: Mr. Warren, M. Hendrick, C. Walter, J. Johns; ABSENT: G. Jewel, J. Boyle

Journalism

"DO YOU HAVE your story written?" That is one of the familiar sayings you hear from a Journalism student. The class consists of thirteen class members and two volunteer reporters, Jackie Johns and Jim Boyle. Although the reporters sometimes found it difficult to meet their quota of two stories per week, all agreed that writing headlines for the stories was even more difficult. Everyone was encouraged to try his hand at editing the paper—the Journalism class has one page in the Mendota Reporter called the Hi-Light. Although class members were slow to volunteer, by the beginning of the second semester several had served as editors. They were: Sherril Michel, Carol Walter, and Mary Hendrick (news editors), Judy Rohr and Gary Jewel (feature editors), John Kilmartin and Jack Jacobs (sports editors), and Sue Nurnberg (circulation manager).

The Journalism class did many new things this year. One goal of this year's Journalism students was to get a story published in some paper besides the Hi-Light. Jack Kilmartin, Gary Jewel, Jim Boyle, Jack Jacobs, and Jackie Johns had articles published in the regular sports page of the Mendota Reporter. Jackie Johns also had an article published in the Illinois Student Council Reporter. The Journalism class had several correspondents from local papers visit them, who gave them tips on how to write an article. The class took a field trip to the Mendota Reporter office. Mr. Warren, class instructor, commented that this year's sports staff met its goal of having the most complete athletic coverage in recent years.

Speech and Play Contests

THIS YEAR there was great interest among the students in the Individual Speech Events, coached by Mr. Kirchner. Mendota had at least one student participating in each individual event.

Those who participated in the work were: John Kuehl, after dinner speaking; Emmalou Rittmeyer, original oration; Ellen Rich, serious play reading; Carolyn Taylor, comedy play reading; Bonnie Bowne, oratorical declamation; Betty Baker, extempore verse reading; Terry Guilfoyle, extempore speaking; Elizabeth Ekstrom, original monologue; and Bob Jacob, radio speaking.

The conference this year was held at Sterling, District at Streator, and Sectional at Kankakee. Honor winning students were Emmalou Rittmeyer and Terry Guilfoyle. Terry placed fifth at District and Emmalou placed first at District and fifth at Sectional, which is very good.

The speech contestants as well as the debaters have also presented programs to various community organizations.

"The Ugly Duckling", an English play, was the selection made by Mr. Warren for the contest play. The throne room of the palace was the setting for the play. The stage setting and costumes made the play colorful and added to the interest.

After long hours of practice and memorizing their lines, the cast traveled to Ottawa on February 23 to participate in the conference tournament where they placed sixth.



SPEECH CONTESTANTS

BACK ROW: Mr. Kirchner, J. Kuehl, T. Guilfoyle, B. Jacob, B. Ekstrom; MIDDLE ROW: E. Rich, B. Baker; FRONT ROW: E. Rittmeyer, C. Taylor, B. Bowne

After more hours of practice, the group presented the play to the student body and were received with much enthusiasm.

The next day, the cast traveled to Streator where they placed fourth in the Sectional.

The students' comments were that they had a lot of fun being in the play, even though they did not get to go to District.

The cast of characters was as follows: Princess Camilla, Mina Jackson; Dulcebella, Ellen Rich; Queen, Emily Gray; King, Jan Beardsley; Chancellor, Jim Bader; Prince Simon, Hal Goebel; Carlos, Bill Dickey; Prompter, Connie Greenwood; and Make-up, Dorothy Schammel and Rita Herbert.





TOP ROW: P. Mackin, Miss Moore, C. Greenwood; SECOND ROW: D. Schultz, J. Hopkins, M. Schlesinger, C. Brown

Girls Athletic Association

GAA is the name by which this organization is known around MHS. The aims of the association are to promote interest and participation in girls' athletic activities and to develop desirable practices in health and good sportsmanship.

There are eighty-seven members with Miss Moore as their advisor. The officers are as follows: Joyce Hopkins, president; Marilyn Schlesinger, vice-president; Diane Schultz, secretary-treasurer; Cheryl Brown, sport manager; and Connie Greenwood, social chairman.

The national requirement for membership is twenty-four points which can be earned by participating in the different sports. In addition, the local requirement is that every girl has to participate in a team sport.

For many girls some of their most pleasant high school memories are those of GAA activities. The year is started out with hockey and continues with basketball, volley ball, swimming, and bowling. Baseball finishes up the year. Swimming takes place at the indoor pool in Oglesby and bowling at the Bowl Air.

In the beginning of the year GAA has a picnic for new members. The highlight of the year is Heart Sister Week and the Heart Sister Banquet. The new members are initiated during Heart Sister Week, and formal initiation is held at the banquet. One of the minor activities of the organization was sponsoring a record dance.



TOP ROW: C. Fitch, M. Klein, R. Herbert, B. Kidd, C. Bansau, J. Ward, K. Orr, S. Whitmore, C. Taylor, C. Glaser; FOURTH ROW: M. Corrigan, M. Guilfoyle, L. Jackson, S. Althaus, R. Foster, S. Reeser, M. Masters, D. Inness, C. Musick; THIRD ROW: C. Walter, M. Hendrick, A. Lorack, J. Auchstetter, C. Jones, B. Stafford, S. Riegel, K. Doenier; SECOND ROW: K. Coffey, D. Johnson, J. Stiel, J. Neuhaufen, S. Yost, D. Medlar, M. Gallagher, K. Heinzeroth, J. Wright; FIRST ROW: P. Boyle, D. Jacob, B. Zinke, S. Phalen, P. Carr, E. Rich, E. Gray, B. Jacob.



TOP ROW: H. Rollins, L. Merritt, A. Lipke, C. Smith, N. Johnson, B. Nance, S. Klein, M. Draper; FOURTH ROW: P. Brown, J. Kromm, S. Munson, S. Schrock, D. Chaon, B. Bown, M. Kerns; THIRD ROW: S. Tower, P. Delhotal, D. Hoffman, M. Jackson, P. Biers, S. Scheidenhelm, G. Mauch; SECOND ROW: P. Janes, J. Jones, C. Swisher, D. Wade, N. Riegel, P. Booth, M. Bird; FIRST ROW: V. Heitz, P. Fitzgerald, M. Elsesser, K. Morehouse, J. Carnahan, C. Forth, B. Hancock.



DIVISION EDITORS

The Division editors were the art staff and the editors of the different sections. STANDING: Miss Breese (Advisor), G. Jewel (Sports), A. Novak (Activities, Faculty), LEFT ROW SEATED: B. Jacob (Homerooms), S. Riegel, R. Zimmerman, J. Rohr (Art Staff), RIGHT ROW SEATED: M. Hendrick (Seniors), A. Archer (Candid Snaps), C. Carnahan (Activities), P. Gorman (Faculty), ABSENT: B. Crenshaw (Faculty)

Atodnem Staffs

1. The art staff and Mr. Wedemeyer spent many long hours making the division pages for our yearbook by means of a silk screen process. LEFT TO RIGHT: R. Zimmerman, J. Rohr, Mr. Wedemeyer, S. Riegel

2. STANDING: Miss Breese (supervised the workers at all the home football and basketball games), Miss Supan (supervised work of treasurer), SEATED: A. Novak (scheduled workers for each home game), R. Foster (class secretary-treasurer)

3. Senior Staff
STANDING: K. Doenier, M. Schlesinger, Editor M. Hendrick, SEATED: C. Bansau

4. Homeroom Staff
STANDING: Editor B. Jacob, J. Boyle, D. Hoffman, SEATED: S. Truckenbrod

5. Sports Staff
STANDING: D. Baker, A. Merriman, J. Kilmartin, SEATED: G. Bryan, Editor G. Jewel, ABSENT: B. Bradshaw

6. The Faculty staff gathers the information concerning the administration, the school board, the staff. STANDING: J. Bader, K. Doenier, SEATED: Editor P. Gorman, A. Novak; ABSENT: B. Crenshaw

7. The Activities staff included the page editors of the Activities section of the yearbook. LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Grothen (FHA), P. Delhotai (Homecoming, Student Council), D. Chaon (Speech, Debate), A. Archer (Candid Snaps), C. Carnahan (Editor Activities Staff, FTA, Atodnem Page), L. Kidd (Cheerleaders, Cadets, Twirlers), J. Mitchell (Senior Play), A. S. Worsley (Chorus), H. Amfahr (FFA), N. Schlesinger (FFA), M. Schlesinger (Journalism), S. Klein (Debate, Speech), B. Eden (Band), L. Hood (GAA), A. Truckenbrod (Homecoming, Student Council), M. McCollum (GAA), A. Novak (Editor of Activities Staff)

8. Photographers' Assistants
LAST ROW: D. Baker, R. Althaus, G. Jewel, J. Bader, SECOND ROW: A. Novak, R. Foster, B. Jacob, C. Carnahan, FIRST ROW: A. Archer, K. Doenier, C. Bansau, M. Hendrick

9. Candid Snaps Staff
LAST ROW: B. Burley, D. Emerick, A. S. Worsley, R. Pantenburg, J. Becker, J. Pantenburg, FIRST ROW: S. Klein, Editor A. Archer, C. Carnahan

10. The Maintenance staff cleared the cafeteria of chairs and tables before home basketball games and set up the pop and popcorn machines. LAST ROW: J. Mitchell, R. Althaus, H. Amfahr, J. Kilmartin, B. Miller, E. Novak, SECOND ROW: A. Merriman, J. Bader, A. Frey, D. Baker, D. Dewey, F. Metzen, FIRST ROW: B. Walters, G. Bryan, G. Jewel, B. Dickey, G. Shaver, J. Schmidt

Last, but not least, was the Finance staff which consisted of each and every senior. Headed by the officers, the loyal class members participated in the many money-making projects necessary to finance the Atodnem.





Varsity Debate

STANDING: Mr. Kirchner, T. Jacob, R. Classon, N. McCormick
SEATED: J. Johns, B. Jacob, D. Schultz, L. Olson

Debate and NFL

EVERY YEAR THE DEBATERS work hard, and this past year was no exception. They work on just one topic each year. The one for this year was: "Resolved: That the federal government should sustain the prices of major agriculture products at not less than 90% parity."

In order to be well-informed on the subject the debaters first do a large amount of "background" reading. They then compile rebuttal files by taking notes from up-to-date newspaper and magazine articles. After this the negative and affirmative sides make up briefs, or outlines, of the main issues and then prepare their case. Then comes the actual debating.

In the contest debating, each team has two affirmative and two negative speakers. The negatives from one school meet the affirmatives from another, and vice-versa.

The Varsity Debate met three days a week, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to prepare for a rigorous schedule of stiff competition.

This year the Varsity Debaters traveled to Northwestern, DeKalb, Blue Island, Augustana, Kankakee, Kewanee, Sterling, Galesburg, Bloomington, and Geneseo.

Also sharing the headlines with Mendota's Varsity Debaters were the Freshman Debaters of Mendota High School. This group met five times a week. This year they traveled to Northwestern University, DeKalb, Blue, Island, Sterling, East Aurora, and Kankakee.



FRESHMAN DEBATE

STANDING: P. Yenerich, A. Price, S. Stein, Mr. Kirchner
SEATED: B. Hartt, E. Olson, A. Lorack, M. Donahue

Mr. Kirchner's comments were, "The freshman debate this year has been exceptionally good and has showed a great amount of interest in the work they have been doing."

As yet we have not heard much of the National Forensic League, commonly called NFL. To belong to this, you must participate in high school speech activities. The purpose

of this organization is to promote the interests of interscholastic debate, oratory, and public speaking by encouraging a spirit of fellowship and by conferring upon deserving candidates a worthy badge of distinction. The officers of this club are: president Tom Jacob, vice-president Larry Olson, secretary Diane Schultz. Mr. Kirchner intends to make this a more active club in the future.

NFL

BACK ROW: F. Wehmeyer, N. McCormick, R. Classon, J. Kuehl, B. Jacob
MIDDLE ROW: D. Schultz, T. Jacob, Mr. Kirchner, L. Olson, K. Morehouse
FRONT ROW: S. Brown, E. Rich, J. Johns



Junior Play

ON APRIL 5, 1957, THE CLASS OF '58" presented "The Curious Savage" by John Patrick as the junior class play. "The Curious Savage" is a portrayal of the inmates of a "rest home" as kindly, gentle people and does not try for easy laughs by exaggeration or overemphasis. As a result, the inmates, with their charm and humor, present a pleasing contrast to the selfish, grasping, "sane" children of Mrs. Savage.

Some of the characters, due to their eccentricities, were very difficult to portray, but this did not seem to hamper the cast as they rolled along — much to the delight of their director, Stephen Warren. That the audience, too, was delighted was evidenced by the appreciative laughter and spontaneous applause. This was the first stage appearance for most of the cast, and each member gave an outstanding performance.

The play was highlighted by excellent staging and a powerful ending. The director, Mr. Warren, is to be congratulated for the success of the comedy production.

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE

CAST

Florence	Marilyn Kerns
Hannibal	Rich Higgins
Fairy May	Ellen Rich
Jeff	Ron Classon
Mrs. Paddy	Emily Gray
Miss Willie	Lynn Merritt
Senator Savage	Ned McCormick
Lily Belle Savage	Ann Lipke
Judge Savage	Giff Pohl
Dr. Emmett	Larry Olson
Mrs. Savage	Jackie Johns
Boy	Bobby Kerns

DIRECTOR: Stephen Warren

PROMPTERS: Kay Morehouse and Mary Draper

MAKEUP: Mina Jackson, Connie Greenwood, Rita Herbert

STAGE LIGHTING: Rich Tower and Gary Thompson

PROGRAMS: Kathy Wagner, Marilyn Rich, Wilma Whipple, Miss Dose

Large committees of juniors made up the production staff and had charge of advertising, stage construction, decoration, properties, and ushering. It was an all-junior project in every way.

BACK ROW: R. Higgins, N. McCormick, G. Pohl, Mr. Warren, R. Classon, L. Olson; FRONT ROW: E. Rich, L. Merritt, J. Johns, M. Kerns and Bobby Kerns, A. Lipke, E. Gray



Senior Play

THE SENIOR CLASS presented Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning "Our Town", under the direction of Mr. Stephen Warren, on December 13 and 14, 1956. "Our Town" is a play in three acts and the setting is Grovers Corners, New Hampshire. The first act represents Love—George Gibbs falls in love with Emily Webb. The second act represents Marriage—the marriage of George and Emily. The final act represents Death.

The play is unique in that it required no scenery other than tables, chairs, stepladders, and trellises. The effects were gained by skillful lighting and the imagination of the audience.

Some of the most cherished memories of the Class of '57 will be those connected with their outstanding presentation of this play. Of course, the play could not have been the success it was without the skillful direction of Mr. Warren and the cooperation of the various advisors, crews, and committees.

"OUR TOWN" CAST

STAGE MANAGER John Kuehl
 Dr. Gibbs Richard Althaus
 Joe Crowell Avery Merriman
 Howie Newsome Bill Dickey
 Mrs. Gibbs Arlinda Novak
 Mrs. Webb Emmalou Rittmeyer
 George Gibbs Jan Beardsley
 Rebecca Gibbs Donna Medlar
 Wally Webb Bob Montavon
 Emily Webb Roberta Hahn
 Professor Willard Jim Mitchell
 Mr. Webb Gary Jewel
 Simon Stimson David Dewey
 Mrs. Soames Geraldine Sauer
 Constable Warren Norman Schlesinger
 Si Crowell Lennie Prescott
 Sam Craig Norman Fassig
 Joe Stoddard Jim Sonntag
 Farmer McCarthy Vernon Mast
 BASEBALL PLAYERS: Dale Mellott, Bill Walters, Bob Bumba. WOMEN IN AUDITORIUM: Betty Kidd, Barbara Jacob, Mary Hendrick. MEMBERS OF AUDIENCE: Jim Bader, Betty Kidd, Barbara Jacob
 CHOIR: Rose Foster, Avery Merriman, Dave Wulf, Jim Bader, Brenda Burley, Sherril Michel, Marilyn Swope, Lennie Prescott, Diane Hoffman, and Ruth Zimmerman.
 PEOPLE OF TOWN: Betty Kidd, Bob Montavon, Roland Faber, Ronald Jones, Sandy Reigel, Barbara Jacob, Eugene Novak, Donna Chaon, Sharon Klein, Vernon Mast, and Marilyn Schlesinger.
 DIRECTOR: Mr. Stephen Warren
 STAGE MANAGERS: Glen Truckenbrod and Tom Craine
 PROMPTERS: Carol Bansau and Pat Delhotal
 ACCOMPANIST: Ann Archer
 CHOIR DIRECTOR: Mr. DeVerne Coleman

CAST OF CHARACTERS

BACK ROW: G. Shaver, R. Faber, J. Beardsley, D. Dewey, N. Fassig, G. Truckenbrod, B. Dickey, B. Burley, and N. Schlesinger; MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Warren, G. Sauer, P. Delhotal, D. Medlar, D. Mellott, T. Craine, B. Walter, V. Mast, J. Kuehl, J. Mitchell, B. Montavon, G. Jewel, L. Prescott and A. Worsley; FRONT ROW: R. Hahn, R. Foster, D. Hoffman, B. Kidd, S. Klein, B. Jacob, M. Schlesinger, D. Chaon, A. Archer, M. Swope, S. Michel, R. Zimmerman and E. Rittmeyer; ABESENT: A. Novak, J. Sonntag, R. Althaus, and A. Merriman.





BACK ROW: D. Gallagher, P. Truckenbrod, D. Schammel, J. Kuehl, P. Zinke, Mr. Baile (instructor), P. Scheidenhelm; THIRD ROW: L. Prescott, D. Rich, G. Gilmore, M. Bufford, W. Morris, M. Eisert, G. Zimmerman; SECOND ROW: N. Riegel, B. Kelley, B. Nashold, R. Carter; FIRST ROW: J. Wright, P. Carr; ABSENT: C. Classon, C. Estes

Band

THE MHS BAND started its busy schedule by playing at the fair. The next big job was its performance at the football games. The band spent many hours of hard work down at the football field in order to present the programs. The Homecoming show was entitled "Just Plain Jones". It was a skit which showed home movies of the Jones' summer vacation. The band performed on Veteran's Day and in the Homecoming parade. They also played for the basketball games.

Some of the band members went to the annual N. C. I. C. Music Festival which was held at Geneseo this year. Soon after the Music Festival, the band began work on a Christmas concert. They gave this in combination with the chorus. After Christmas vacation, there was no rest for the band members. Some began work on contest music. All of them began work on the music for the concert which they gave on March 15. This concert was given in combination with the grade school band members. Many of the band members who went to the district contest advanced to state.

The band marched in La Salle in the Catholic War Veterans parade. They also gave a concert for the student body and played for baccalaureate and graduation exercises.

The band was under the direction of Robert Baile this year. This was Mr. Baile's first year with the MHS band. He is to be commended for his fine work.

BAND OFFICERS

S. Whitmore, A. Truckenbrod, J. Kuehl, L. Merritt, B. Jacob; ABSENT: J. Hoffman, J. Broughton





BACK ROW: M. Schlesinger, D. Zimmerman, E. Olson, L. Ladenburger, J. Kessler, D. Campbell, B. Stafford;
 SECOND ROW: W. Whipple, C. Smith, J. Scholl, C. Fenwick, C. Forth; FIRST ROW: S. Whitmore, L. Merritt, A.
 Truckenbrod; ABSENT: D. Jacobs, N. Parks

BACK ROW: S. Reeser, E. Olson, J. Whipple, W. Harris, F. Donagh; SECOND ROW: B. Jacob, K. Fassig, M.
 Koerper, J. Muzzy, J. Archer; FIRST ROW: S. Riegel, C. Carnahan, B. Eden; ABSENT: J. Hoffman, J. Broughton,
 R. Williams



Band contest groups

1 — WOODWIND TRIO

District — Superior; State — Excellent
A. Truckenbrod, L. Merritt, S. Riegel

2 — CLARINET TRIO

District — Excellent
B. Jacob, J. Broughton, J. Muzzy (absent)

3 — TROMBONE TRIO

District — Excellent
L. Ladenburger, D. Campbell, J. Kessler

4 — CORNET TRIO

District — Excellent
L. Prescott, D. Rich, G. Gilmore (absent)

5 — CLARINET QUARTET NO. 1

District — Superior; State — Excellent
M. Koerper, J. Hoffman, C. Carnahan, B. Eden

6 — CLARINET QUARTET NO. 2

District — Superior; State — Good
K. Fassig, R. Williams, J. Whipple, S. Reeser (absent)

7 — FLUTE QUARTET

District — Superior; State — Superior
C. Classon, S. Whitmore, J. Wright, P. Carr

8 — SAXOPHONE

District — Good
C. Forth, N. Parks, W. Whipple, J. Scholl

9 — SOLOISTS

W. Morris; Cornet; District — Good
P. Scheidenhelm; Sousaphone; District — Excellent
P. Zinke; Marimba; District — S.; State — E.
B. Kelley; French Horn; District — S.; State — E.
C. Forth; Alto Saxophone; District — Excellent
B. Stafford, Trombone; District — S.; State — E.

10 — SOLOISTS

D. Rich; Cornet; District — Excellent
J. Kuehl; Drum; District — Excellent
D. Campbell; Trombone; District — Excellent
L. Merritt; Flute; District — S.; State — G.
S. Riegel; Clarinet; District — Excellent
C. Carnahan; Clarinet; District — S.; State — E.
W. Whipple; Tenor Saxophone; District — Good



Music Festival



INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL

BACK ROW: L. Prescott, B. Stafford, D. Rich; FOURTH ROW: C. Carnahan, J. Hoffman; THIRD ROW: B. Eden, P. Scheidenhelm, W. Whipple; SECOND ROW: S. Riegel, B. Jacob, J. Kuehl; FIRST ROW: A. Truckenbrod, L. Merritt, S. Whitmore

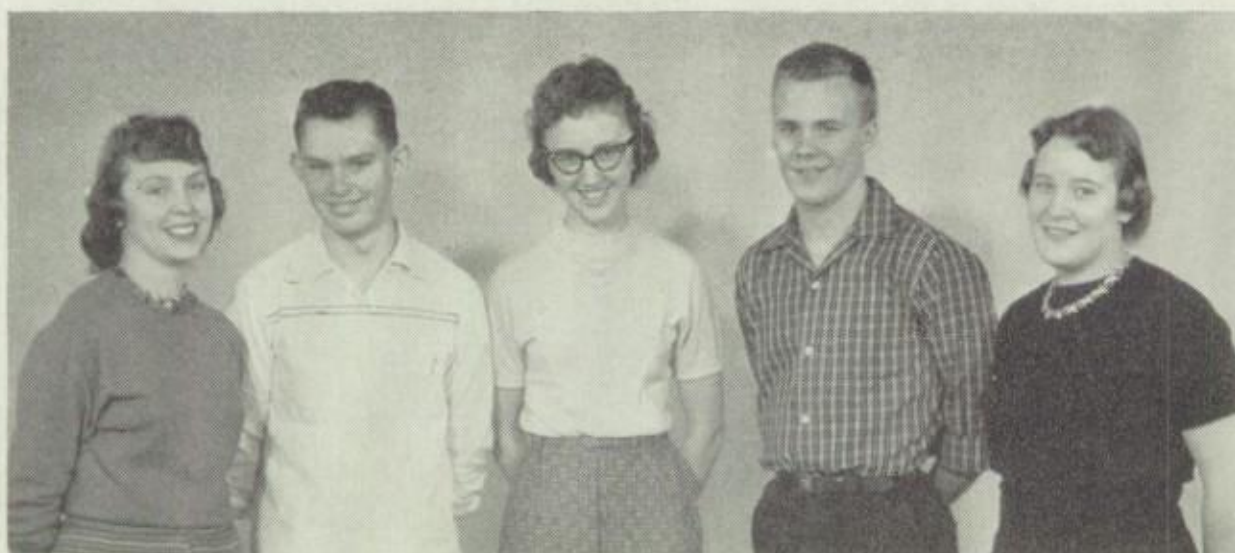


CHORUS FESTIVAL

BACK ROW: E. Ekstrom, N. Johnson, R. Kilburn, C. Fitch, A. Archer; FOURTH ROW: R. Jacob, R. Foster, B. Burley, H. Goebel; THIRD ROW: D. Hoffman, W. Hartt, D. Rogers, D. Inness; SECOND ROW: E. Gray, M. Ahlemann, A. S. Worsley, J. Johns; FIRST ROW: S. Yost, C. Brown, P. Jones

ALL-STATE MUSIC ACTIVITY

S. Riegel, W. Hartt, A. Archer, H. Goebel, A. S. Worsley





MIXED CHORUS

BACK ROW: S. Whitmore, R. Hahn, J. A. Schultz, C. Cowley, T. Jacob, M. Gleason, R. Kilburn, N. Johnson, K. Morehouse, L. Merritt, E. Ekstrom; FIFTH ROW: G. Sauer, J. Scholl, C. Fitch, C. Glaser, R. Jacob, H. Goebel, A. Archer, S. Shrock, R. Foster, B. Burley; FOURTH ROW: C. Musick, D. Inness, K. Bell, S. Althaus, R. Penoyer, R. Goubeaux, J. Archer, S. Riegel, M. Swope; THIRD ROW: J. Rider, M. Elsesser, S. Yost, B. Hartt, D. Rogers, M. McLaughlin, J. Johns, B. Eden; SECOND ROW: P. Mackin, A. S. Worsley, N. Fieldman, R. Henkels, R. Howarth, J. Faber, E. Gray, C. Brown; FIRST ROW: C. Swisher, P. Gibbs, P. Jones, M. Ahlemann, R. Harmon, J. Cole, K. Laws, M. L. Bird, Mr. Coleman (instructor)

Chorus

THE CHORAL DEPARTMENT under the direction of Mr. Coleman has been active in many programs throughout the school year. In the fall several of the outstanding members of the chorus represented the school at the annual NCIC Festival held at Geneseo and directed by Lloyd Pfausch of the University of Illinois.

The mixed choir presented a Thanksgiving program for the student body. The preparation for the Annual Christmas Concert given jointly with the band began after the Thanksgiving program, and a school Christmas program included several of the sacred and secular numbers in keeping with the season.

During the time between Christmas and the formal spring concert, the ensembles and soloists provided musical entertainment for the

community, participated in the All-State Music Activity, and competed in the District and State Music Contests. We shall remember the fine work done by these hard-working groups.

One of the highlights of this year's activities was the exchange concert and social held at the Rochelle High School. We hope to continue activities of this nature as they provide many fine experiences for the group.

The Lenten Season again called for music, and this year the department presented an Easter program and participated in Holy Week and Sunrise Services on Easter morning.

The Spring Concert completed a very enjoyable and successful year for both the girls' and mixed choruses. With the final performance at Baccalaureate and Graduation exercises we find the year has been a big and busy one and that music has added greatly to it.

This year the officers were Ann Archer, president; Cheryl Brown, vice-president; and Anita Sue Worsley, secretary.

Accompanists for the mixed chorus were Mary Ahlemann, Betty Eden, and Ann Archer. Patti Janes accompanied the girls' chorus.



CHORUS OFFICERS

BACK ROW: C. Swisher, M. Elsesser, R. Kilburn, Mr. Coleman, D. Emerick, P. Biers, M. Corrigan; FIRST ROW: C. Brown, A. S. Worsley, A. Archer, S. Yost, P. Janes, D. Hoffman

GIRLS CHORUS

BACK ROW: J. Larabee, E. K. Rogers, R. A. Mathesius, D. Emerick, P. Biers, J. Ward, S. Palmatier; THIRD ROW: J. Becker, M. Hahn, J. Mauch, K. Heinzeroth, A. Untz, S. Yost; SECOND ROW: M. Corrigan, K. Scheidenhelm, D. Hoffman, K. Wagner, J. Hessenberger; FIRST ROW: P. Janes, C. O'Sadnick, J. Wright, K. Coffey, B. Baker





MIXED DOUBLE ENSEMBLE

D. Rogers, S. Yost, W. Hartt, A. S. Worsley, C. Brown, J. Johns, H. Goebel, A. Archer; ABSENT: R. Kilburn

Vocal groups

DISTRICT CONTEST RATINGS

Superior

Mixed Double Ensemble

Girls' Double Ensemble

Soloist—Ann Archer

Soloist—Hal Goebel

Excellent

Junior Trio

Soloist—Anita Sue Worsley

ACCOMPANISTS

STANDING: B. Eden, M. Ahlemann, Mr. Coleman (Instructor); SEATED: P. Janes, A. Archer



STATE RATINGS

Soloist — Hal Goebel, Superior

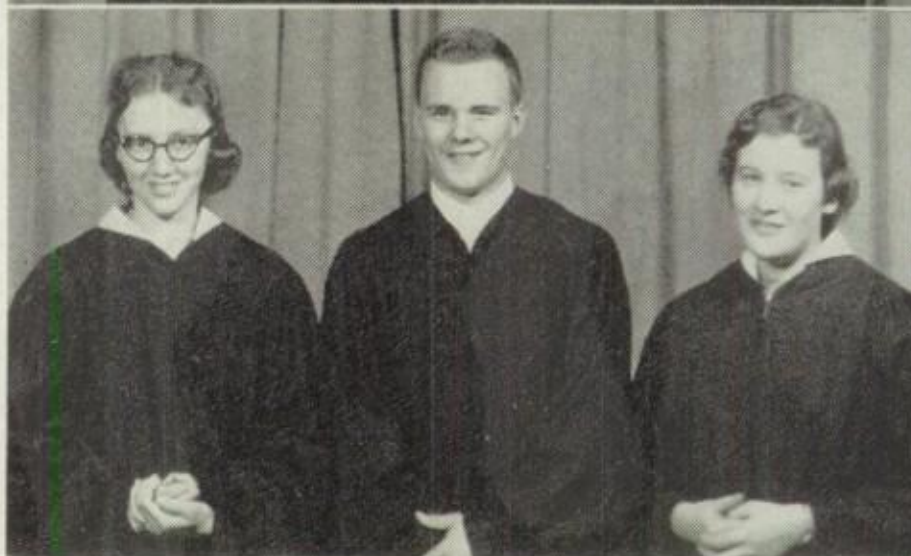
Soloist — Ann Archer, Excellent

Mixed Double Ensemble — Excellent

Girls' Double Ensemble — Good

JUNIOR GIRLS' TRIO

J. Johns, S. Yost, C. Brown



SOLOISTS

A. Archer, H. Goebel, A. S. Worsley

GIRLS' DOUBLE ENSEMBLE

BACK ROW: M. Elsesser, D. Emerick, N. Johnson, J. Becker; FIRST ROW: J. Wright, M. Ahlemann, S. Shrock, S. Riegel





SPORTS



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

M. Hendrick, S. Klinefelter, S. Phalen, C. Walter, K. Doenier, M. Kerns

Cheerleaders

THE CHEERLEADERS were picked during an assembly a few weeks after school started. There were many to choose from for the Jay Tees, but the faithful favorites won out for the Varsity. Those selected on both squads had a big job ahead of them, and they did it well. They lifted the teams' spirit when the score was down and led the pep sessions. Two of the Varsity cheerleaders, Karen Doenier and Carol Walter, have been leading cheers for four years. Mary Hendrick follows with three years. Congratulations to these girls for their fine work in their years of loyal service.

JAYTEE CHEERLEADERS

D. Inness, M. Guilfoyle, P. Carr, M. Hendrick





CADETS

BACK ROW: C. Greenwood, C. Kuntzi, K. Wagner, J. Johns, P. Janes; SECOND ROW: R. Hahn, B. Crenshaw, M. Draper, D. Chaon; FIRST ROW: M. Swope, J. Schultz, M. Rich

Cadets and Twirlers

AT HOMECOMING the fans saw a colorful new group performing with the band and taking part in the marching drills. The cadets were organized and trained under the direction of Mr. Baile and Mrs. James Durham. Connie Greenwood and Kathleen Wagner served as officers.

Difficulties in scheduling practice sessions prevented the cadets' appearance at other games as originally planned. It is hoped that next year the group may be a more active one.

THE BATON TWIRLERS in their white satin costumes made an impressive addition to the marching band in the Homecoming parade and in the half-time ceremonies at the football games. Hours of practice are required to turn out perfect performances. Annette Truckenbrod was the drum majorette.

TWIRLERS

S. Klein, S. Riegel, M. Bird, A. Truckenbrod





BACK ROW: Coach Gore, J. Hoffman, G. Bryan, G. Gilmore, T. Munson, R. Bumba; SECOND ROW: D. Dewey, J. Bader, B. Jacob, N. Schlesinger, J. Kilmartin, J. Jacobs; FIRST ROW: D. Baker, J. Hampson, H. Amfahr, G. Jewel, E. Novak

Cross Country

CROSS COUNTRY STATISTICS

Varsity

Name	Points	Award
Novak	212	Major
Kilmartin	125	Stripe
Amfahr	111	Major
Baker	105	Major
Jacob	96	Major
Schlesinger	96	Major
Bumba	68	Minor
Jewel	66	Minor
Dewey	62	Minor

Frosh-Soph

Hoffman	141	Letter
Walker	92	Letter
Gilmore	85	Letter
Munson	80	Letter
Caldwell	48	—

THE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Score we	they
Sept. 25	Princeton	23	38
"	frosh soph	7	14
Oct. 2	Dixon	37	18
"	frosh soph	36	19
Oct. 5	Ottawa Ivt.	4th out of 10	
Oct. 10	Rochelle	15	40
"	frosh soph	21	35
Oct. 13	Sterling Ivt.	4th out of 11	
Oct. 16	DeKalb	39	22
"	frosh soph	33	22
Oct. 18	Rock Falls	39	22
"	frosh soph	33	22
Oct. 20	Conference	5th out of 8	
Oct. 23	Kewanee	28	28
"	frosh soph	14	22
Oct. 27	District	7th out of 10	

LAST FALL Coach Malcolm Gore's Cross Country teams completed their most successful season since the revival of the sport at MHS by compiling a 5-win, 5-loss, 1-tie dual meet record. The Trojan Harriers also finished high in the invitational meets it entered.

The varsity squad's season had some very bright spots as the Trojans made a clean sweep in the Rochelle meet by grabbing the first six places, defeated a tough Dixon quintet in the Sterling Invitational, and qualified Eugene Novak for the state meet at Champaign.

Last year the conference meet was held on the hilly Mendota Golf course for the first time, and the local runners came in with fifth place honors. Novak was the first boy in the school's history to qualify for the state as he came from way behind to grab 5th place out of over 50 runners at the district. John Kilmartin also ran very well for the local harriers during the '56" season.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

BACK ROW: Line Coach Joe Rollins, J. Lines, R. Faber, J. Franklin, B. Brown, B. Bradshaw, Geo. Pohl, J. Beardsley, T. Craine, R. Johnson, B. Bumba, Head Coach Ted Lewis; SECOND ROW: B. Dickey, H. Goebel, F. Wehmeyer, J. Ambler, R. Classon, D. Wulf, G. Pohl, L. Tentler, J. Hessenberger, S. Gehler, R. Saueressig, J. Kuehl, B. Miller; FIRST ROW: C. Schnuckle, J. Corcoran, L. Dewey, A. Merriman, B. Montavon, G. Truckenbrod, J. Lobbins, H. Becker, N. Fassig, B. Walters, B. McLaughlin, and T. Jacob; NOT PICTURED: J. Yohn



Varsity Football

***Bumba and Brown
captain Trojans to eighth
conference championship***

WHEN DRILLS OPENED on August 27, thirty-seven potential Trojans reported for practice. After several weeks of hard practice, Coaches Lewis and Rollins decided on these eleven starters—Ends: Bob Bradshaw and Bill Dickey, Tackles: Norm Fassig and Jim Lobbins, Guards: Glen Truckenbrod and Roland Faber, Center: Bob Bumba. The backfield included Bill Brown, Howard Becker, Lynn Tentler, and Bob Saueressig. Also seeing plenty of first string action were John Kuehl, Bob Miller, Bob Montavon, Tom Jacob, Stan Gehler, Giff Pohl, and Bill Walters.

The season opened with a resounding 38-0 win over St. Bede on the Bedan gridiron. Mendota completely dominated the game as they rolled over the Bruin defense with a devastating ground attack. Playing only part of the game, Mendota's B-Boys scored four of Mendota's six touchdowns. Hal Goebel, reserve back, and Jim Franklin, reserve tackle, also broke into the scoring column. Mendota racked up 535 yards on the ground compared to only 59 for the hapless Bruins.

The following Friday Mendota continued to move as they picked up their second consecutive victory by downing a stubborn Hall team 18-13. Howard Becker scored two of Mendota's three touchdowns, and Bill Brown crashed over for the other 6-pointer. Becker rolled up 209 of the Trojans' 264 yards. Again the Trojans passed little and ran much as they outmaneuvered the big Hall line.

A high pass from center resulting in a safety proved to be the deciding factor in the Mendota Trojans' 15-14 victory over Ottawa. Both



MHS touchdowns were scored by fullback Bill Brown who crashed over from two yards out on each occasion. The tough Mendota line, led by Bob Bumba and Bill Walters, stopped several Pirate drives short of the goal. The shifty Ottawa offense provided the Trojans with one of their roughest games. Thus the Trojans fulfilled the final request of last year's senior class by downing Ottawa 15-14.

Coach Ted Lewis' MHS Trojans climbed to the top of the Southwest conference by edging an exceptionally good Geneseo team 21-13 at Geneseo. The B-Boys handled the Trojan scoring as Howie Becker scored twice, both on sizeable runs, and Bill Brown tallied the third on a T-formation option play. The Trojans were given an unpleasant scare by the better than average Leafs, but the superior Mendota rushing provided the difference. Mendota's fine ends, Bob Bradshaw and Bill Dickey, also stood out.

The Trojans maintained their conference lead by rolling over the Rochelle Hubs 27-0 on the Rochelle gridiron. Howie Becker broke loose on two long touchdown runs of 75 and 52 yards as Mendota literally crushed the Rochelle line. A stout Trojan defense, led by Bob Bumba and Bill Brown, added to the Mendota victory. Three hundred and seventy-five yards were rolled up by the Trojan offense compared to Rochelle's seventy-three.

Friday, October 19, marked the blackest day of the entire season for Mendota's Trojans. On homecoming night a big Rock Falls team entered Mendota set on upsetting the Lewismen. The Trojans never stopped fighting, but

Rock Falls was really up for this one, and they topped the Trojans by a score of 28-21. Bob Bradshaw scored twice and Howie Becker scampered from the one-foot line for the third TD. Bill Brown booted three extra points to round out Mendota's scoring. The loss dropped the Trojans into a first place tie where they wound up at the end of the season.

The Princeton Tigers invaded Mendota in the next game and went home with both their uniforms and their spirits thoroughly dampened after a 40 to 14 setback. The rain took care of the uniforms while the spirits were taken care of by the Trojans. Some long runs, a lot of fumbles, and a good team combined to beat the Tigers and give the Trojans a first place tie in the conference. Bill Brown, Howie Becker, Dave Wulf, and Bob Bumba combined to provide Mendota's scoring punch, Brown going 78 and 72 yards; Becker going 47, 29, and 45 yards, and Wulf 65 on a recovered fumble. Bumba added 4 extra points. Princeton led in first downs 13 to 6, but the Trojans out rushed the Tigers 359 to 138.

The Trojans ended their '56" gridiron season on a rather dismal note as they bowed to a fine Sterling team 18 to 7 on the Warrior field. The game was hard fought between the two conference leaders, but a good line, and several costly penalties proved to be the deciding factors. The game was highlighted by several fine passes from Bob Saueressig to Bob Bradshaw. Mendota's B-boys couldn't break loose, and the powerful Trojan ground attack was slowed down by penalty after penalty.



Coach Lewis takes time out at practice to pose with the B-Boys, Becker and Brown

Overall, the season was a booming success as we once again headed the conference. This success could never have been made possible without the support of Mendota's ever-ready substitutes. Constantly they ran the opponents' plays against the first line Trojans. They could also be depended upon to do a good job whenever they were called into game action.

The 1956 season marked eight consecutive years for the Trojans in the No. 1 position. Bill

Brown was named on the Champaign News Gazette's thirty-three-man All State team. Howie Becker and Bob Bumba were given honorable mention. Four Trojans, Backs Bill Brown and Howie Becker, Center Bob Bumba, and End Bob Bradshaw, were honored by being named on the All Conference team. Bill Dickey was named to the second team.

Congratulations to Coach Lewis and another fine Trojan team.

Bob Miller and Bill Brown furnish interference for Howie Becker as he picks up yardage against Hall.



Varsity Statistics

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER STATISTICS

	td	ep	tp
Brown	10	10	70
Becker	11	0	66
Bradshaw	3	0	18
Bumba	0	6	6
Goebel	1	0	6
Franklin	1	0	6
Wulf	1	0	6
Saueressig	1	0	6
Tentler	0	1	1
Walters	0	0	2

TEAM STATISTICS

Mendota		They
1753	Yards Gained Rushing	912
299	Yards Gained Passing	356
102	Yards Lost	105
1950	Net Yards Gained	1163
76	First Downs	65
21	Fumbles	14
345	Yards Lost Penalties	135
47	Passes Attempted	53
25	Passes Completed	26
12	Passes Intercepted	4
21.8	Punts Average	24.3

VARSITY SCHEDULE

	We	They
St. Bede	38	0
Hall	18	13
Ottawa	15	14
Geneseo	21	13
Rochelle	28	0
Rock Falls	21	28
Princeton	40	14
Sterling	7	18
Totals	188	100

FINAL NCIC STANDINGS

Southwest Division

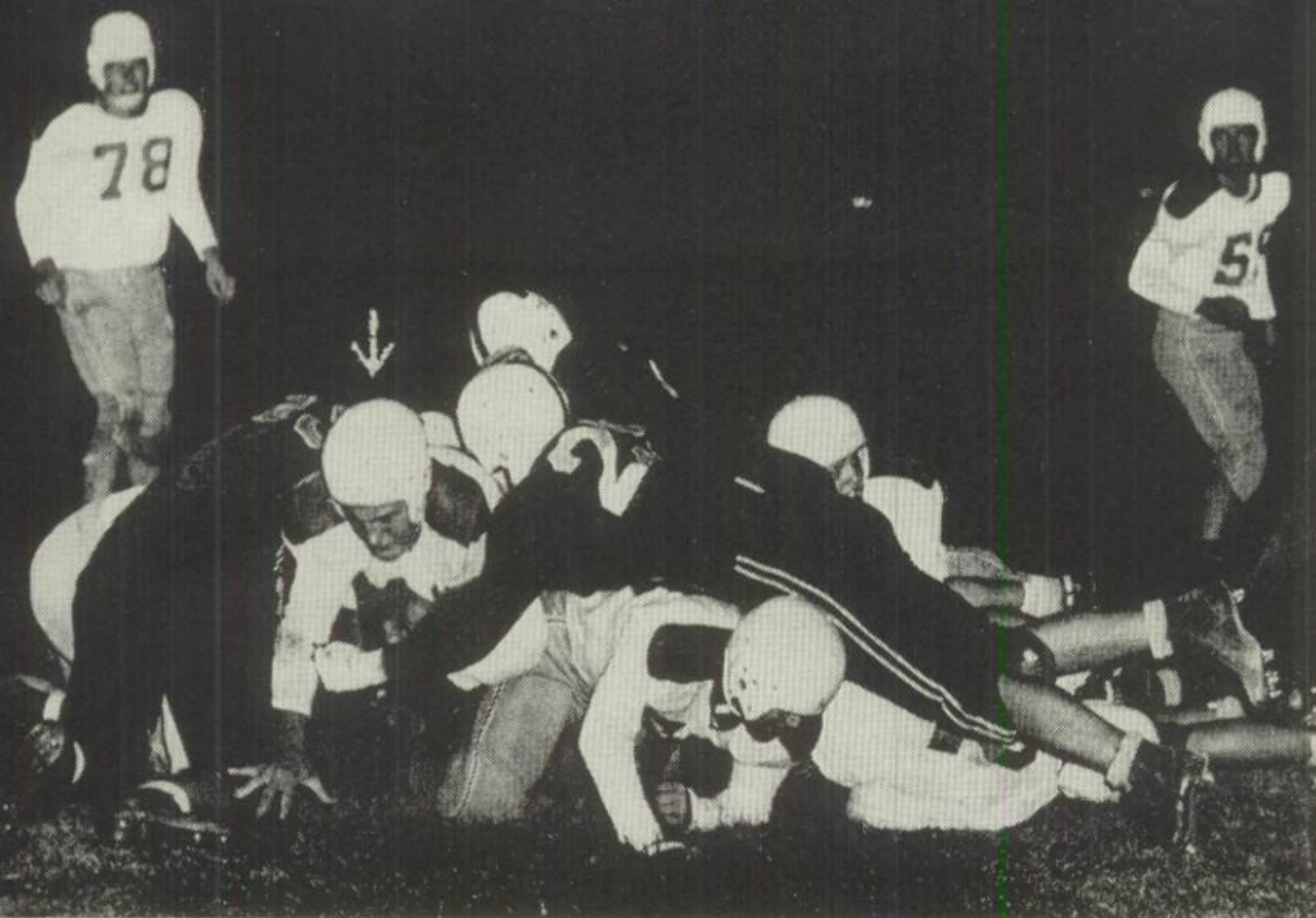
MENDOTA	3	1	.750
Geneseo	3	1	.750
Rock Falls	3	1	.750
Rochelle	1	3	.250
Princeton	0	4	.000

Northeast Division

Sterling	4	0	1.000
Ottawa	2	2	.500
DeKalb	2	2	.500
Dixon	2	2	.500
Hall	0	4	.000

Bill Dickey, Trojan end, grabs a pass from Howie Becker during first quarter action at Geneseo





Bill Brown crashes over the goal to score Mendota's first TD during the Ottawa game.

TACKLE CHART

	Made	Assists
Bumba, Bob	40	19
Becker, Howie	40	14
Walters, Bill	36	4
Brown, Bill	35	23
Gehler, Stan	32	7
Fassig, Norm	30	10
Pohl, Giff	28	8
Truckenbrod, Glen	23	8
Dickey, Bill	23	8
Bradshaw, Bob	19	6
Kuehl, John	17	6
Lobbins, Jim	14	8
Wulf, Dave	11	3
Jacob, Tom	11	1
Franklin, Jim	9	4
Beardsley, Jan	8	2
Faber, Roland	7	2
Hessenberger, Jim	6	1
Lines, Jim	5	2
Wehmeyer, Fritz	5	0
Miller, Bob	2	2
Montavon, Bob	2	1
Tentler, Lynn	2	1
Pohl, George	2	1
Ambler, Jim	2	0
Crane, Tom	2	0
Merriman, Avery	1	0
Classon, Ronnie	1	0
Dewey, Lynn	1	0
Goebel, Hal	0	1
Corcoran, Justin	0	0
McLaughlin, Bob	0	0
Saueressig, Bob	0	0
Schnuckel, Charles	0	0
Yohn, Jack	0	0

POSITIONS AND AWARDS

Name	Position	Award	Year
Bumba, Bob	Center	Stripe	Senior
Becker, Howie	Back	Stripe	Senior
Walters, Bill	End	Major	Senior
Brown, Bill	Back	Stripe	Senior
Gehler, Stan	Guard	Major	Junior
Fassig, Norm	Tackle	Stripe	Senior
Pohl, Giff	Tackle	Major	Junior
Truckenbrod, Glen	Guard	Stripe	Senior
Dickey, Bill	End	Stripe	Senior
Bradshaw, Bob	End	Stripe	Senior
Kuehl, John	Guard	Major	Senior
Lobbins, Jim	Guard	Stripe	Senior
Wulf, Dave	Center	Stripe	Senior
Jacob, Tom	Back	Major	Junior
Franklin, Jim	Tackle	Major	Senior
Beardsley, Jan	End	Major	Senior
Faber, Roland	Guard	Major	Senior
Hessenberger, Jim	Back	Major	Junior
Lines, Jim	Tackle	Minor	Junior
Wehmeyer, Fritz	Back	Major	Junior
Miller, Bob	Back	Stripe	Senior
Montavon, Bob	Back	Major	Senior
Tentler, Lynn	Back	Major	Junior
Pohl, George	End	Minor	Junior
Ambler, Jim	Guard	Minor	Junior
Crane, Tom	Tackle	Major	Junior
Merriman, Avery	Back	Minor	Senior
Classon, Ronnie	End	Minor	Junior
Dewey, Lynn	Center	Minor	Junior
Goebel, Hal	Back	Minor	Junior
Corcoran, Justin	Center	Minor	Junior
McLaughlin, Bob	Back	Minor	Junior
Saueressig, Bob	Back	Major	Junior
Schnuckel, Charles	End	Minor	Junior
Yohn, Jack	Back	Minor	Junior

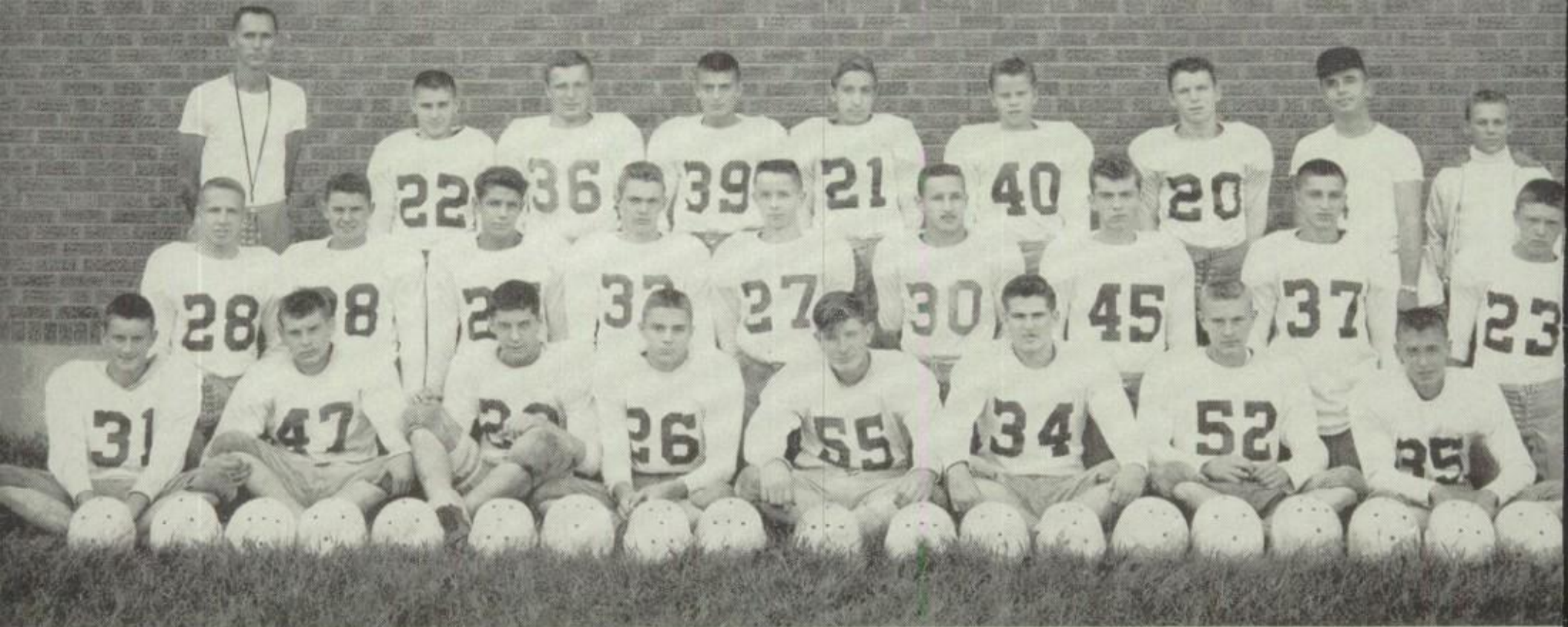
Frosh-Soph Football

Jay Tees Unbeaten and Unscored upon in NCIC Conference

PLAN STRATEGY FOR OTTAWA

Coaches Verdie Altizer and Don Gooden outline plans for Ottawa's downfall. FRONT ROW: Co-Captains T. Potter and L. Davis, Coach Altizer, Coach Gooden; STANDING: B. Miller, B. Taylor and Don Rich.





BACK ROW: Coach Altizer, R. Motter, D. Rich, R. Dinges, T. Truckenbrod, J. Edwards, J. Hessenberger, Frosh Coach Gooden, Manager T. Kuntzi; SECOND ROW: K. Metzen, C. Frey, J. Virgil, T. Potter, J. Mau, L. Davis, T. Guilfoyle, R. Wells, R. Davis; FIRST ROW: J. Bradshaw, R. Saylor, N. Miller, K. Truckenbrod, S. Wolfe, G. Possley, W. Leiser, A. Mitchell; NOT PRESENT: R. Masters, W. Taylor, L. Kennedy

Frosh-Soph Football

Davis and Potter
Co-Captains
of
conference championship
team

ON AUGUST 27, FIFTY-NINE BOYS turned out for Frosh-Soph football tryouts. The Junior Trojans had a very good season, winning 5 of their 8 games. On the three occasions when they were defeated, they fought hard and gave their all. Winning the NCIC Conference championship, they scored 93 points while holding their opponents scoreless.

Our Frosh-Soph, coached by Verdie Altizer and Don Gooden, traveled to Dixon for their first game. Although our boys were defeated by a score of 20 to 7, the closeness of the game is indicated by the fact that the Jay Tees outgained Dixon and made 8 first downs to Dixon's 3. Jerry Virgil passed to John Mau late in the first half for our touchdown, and Larry Davis ran around right end for the extra point.

The Jay Tees trounced the Hall squad 19-0 in their second game of the season. Tom Potter romped to pay dirt twice, and Bucky Hessenberger once. Potter ran the one extra point to constitute the scoring for Mendota. The linemen played a tremendous game and deserve a lot of credit for our win.

The Jay Tees got a slow start in the third game and lost to Ottawa 13-7. Ottawa scored a touchdown in each of the first two quarters. In the second half the Jay Tees took over the ball and held it most of the half. In the third quarter they held the Ottawa team to a 1 yard gain. Larry Davis charged through the center early in the fourth quarter for our single touchdown. A pass from Virgil to Potter scored the extra point.

In the fourth game of the season the Jay Tees trampled Geneseo 35-0. Larry Davis scored the first 3 touchdowns with Potter running right end for the 3 extra points. In the

Frosh-Soph statistics

fourth quarter Virgil went over from the 8 yard line and then passed to Tom Truckenbrod for the extra point. Jim Owens also raced for a touchdown with Virgil passing to Kent Truckenbrod for the extra point. Miller, Saylor, and Rich played an excellent defensive game.

The Jay Tees held the Rochelle Hublets scoreless while piling up 26 points for their third win of the season. Larry Davis hit pay dirt on the first play in the second quarter for the first Mendota points. We blocked a punt, also in the second quarter, and recovered it. Three plays later Tom Potter went over from the 5-yard line. A pass from Potter to Miller set up a TD for Davis with Potter going around left end for the extra point. The fourth also saw some action as Tom Potter romped 32 yards on a beautiful TD run.

The Jay Tees again held their opponents scoreless as they stopped the Rockets of Rock Falls in a thrilling game. The final score was 13-0. Larry Davis crashed over from the 3-yard line for Mendota's first touchdown. This touchdown was made possible by a long pass from Davis to Bradshaw. The extra point was halted. Potter raced left end for the second TD early in the second half with a pass to Bud Miller to score the extra point.

In the seventh game of the season the Mendota Frosh-Soph team downed the Princeton team 19-0. They thus won all four Conference games, winning the NCIC Championship. The Jay Tee line played its usual terrific game, holding the opposing team scoreless. The Jay Tees opened their scoring in the first quarter when tailback Potter raced 26 yards around end for the tally. The extra point was halted. In the next quarter Potter again circled end for a TD and also crashed over for the extra point. In the final period Larry Davis plunged over to pay dirt from the 3-yard line for the final tally.

The MHS Frosh-Soph football squad wound up their 1956 season by bowing to Sterling 13-6. The Jay Tees, led by Potter and Davis, worked the ball down to the Sterling 1-yard line early in the game. Davis then plunged to pay dirt as the Jay Tees drew first blood. The Sterling team slowly pushed the hard fighting line of Mendota back to their own goal line and made a touchdown and the extra point. They also scored in the second half. The Jay Tees were once again handicapped by the loss of their passer, Jerry Virgil, who helped the team very much until his injury just before the Rochelle game.

The team did a very fine job this year, and we should all give Coach Altizer and assistant Coach Gooden a big hand for their very fine job of coaching. All of the boys got a lot of experience and training in the fundamentals of football to carry forward into their varsity years.

FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

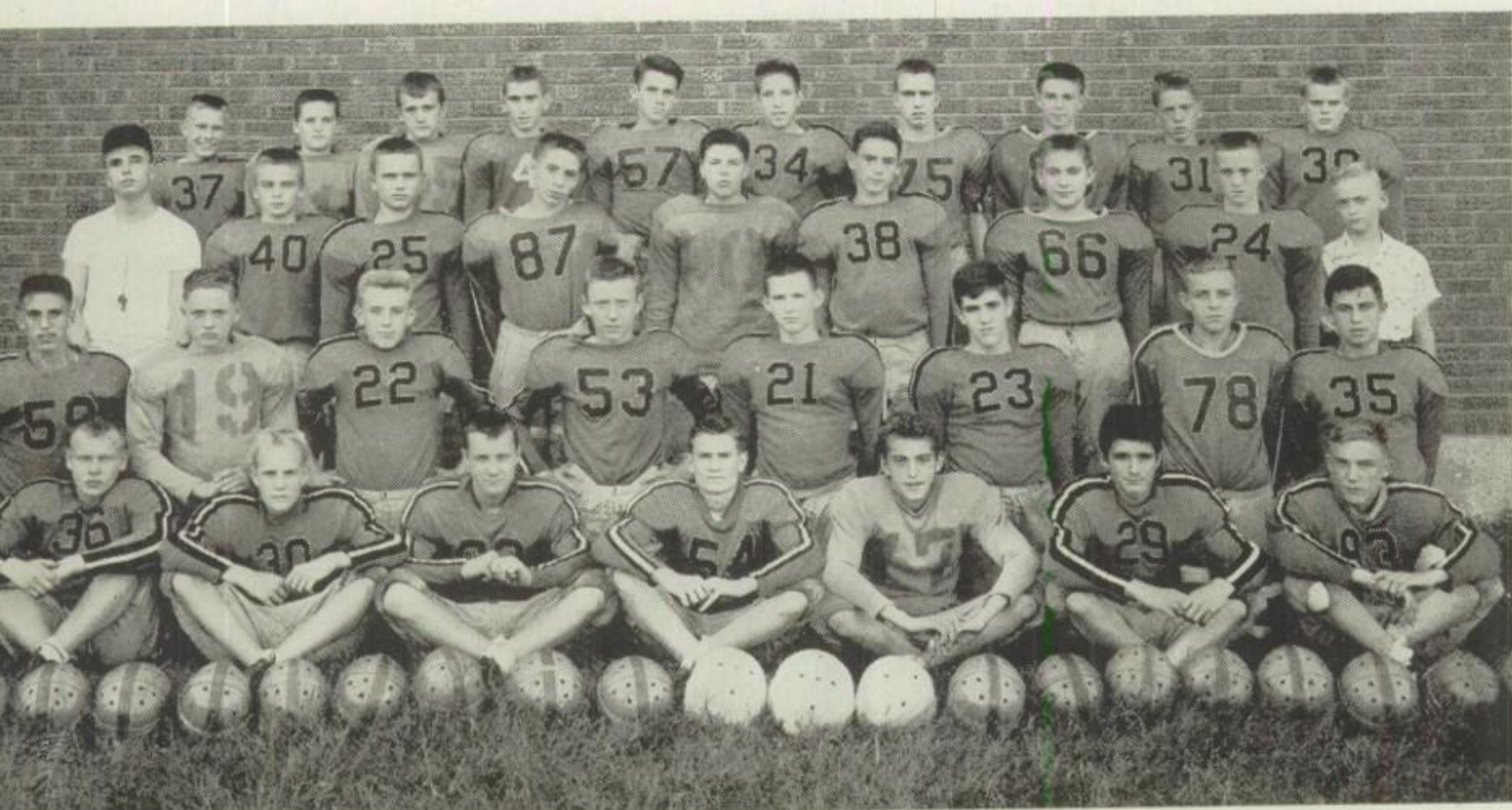
We		They
7	Dixon	20
19	Spring Valley	0
7	Ottawa	13
35	Geneseo	0
26	Rochelle	0
13	Rock Falls	0
19	Princeton	0
6	Sterling	13
132		46

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER STATISTICS

Name	T. D.	E. P.	T. P.
Davis, L.	8	2	50
Potter, T.	7	7	49
Virgil, J.	1	0	6
Truckenbrod, K.	1	0	6
Owens, J.	1	0	6
Mau, J.	1	0	6
Hessenberger, J.	1	0	6
Truckenbrod, T.	0	2	2
Miller, N.	0	1	1

FROSH-SOPH STATISTICS

Name	Position	Award	Year
Bradshaw, J.	End	Letter	Sophomore
Davis, L.	Back	Letter	Sophomore
Davis, R.	Guard		Sophomore
Dinges, R.	Back		Sophomore
Edwards, J.	Center		Sophomore
Guilfoyle, T.	Guard		Sophomore
Hessenberger, J.	Back	Letter	Sophomore
Leiser, W.	End	Letter	Sophomore
Mau, J.	Back	Letter	Sophomore
Metzen, K.	Guard	Letter	Sophomore
Miller, N.	End	Letter	Sophomore
Mitchell, A.	End		Sophomore
Motter, R.	Center	Letter	Sophomore
Owens, J.	Back	Letter	Sophomore
Potter, T.	Back	Letter	Sophomore
Possley, G.	Tackle	Letter	Sophomore
Rich, D.	Tackle	Letter	Sophomore
Saylor, R.	Tackle	Letter	Sophomore
Taylor, W.	Guard	Letter	Sophomore
Truckenbrod, K.	End	Letter	Sophomore
Truckenbrod, T.	Back	Letter	Sophomore
Wells, R.	Guard	Letter	Sophomore
Wolfe, S.	Tackle		Freshman
Kennedy, L.	Guard	Letter	Freshman
Frey, C.	Guard		Freshman
Virgil, J.	Back	Letter	Freshman



BACK ROW: D. Gallagher, J. Fitzgerald, G. Druen, J. Thorne, A. Near, J. Deaner, R. Conley, B. Moss, J. Michel, K. Hampson; THIRD ROW: D. Gooden, G. Glazer, K. Betz, J. Galleher, T. Kerns, J. Corzine, D. Rogers, T. Hartford, D. Howarth; SECOND ROW: J. Wehmeyer, T. Corrigan, D. Harrison, J. Archer, S. Stein, A. Price, R. Becket, D. Kromm; FIRST ROW: C. Estes, T. Johnson, O. Countryman, B. Merritt, D. Schammel, L. Ambler, B. Nashold

Freshman Football

DON GOODEN TOOK over the freshman football coaching position in addition to assisting Coach Altizer with the Frosh-Soph team.

The freshman team ended the six game schedule with one win, four losses, and one tie.

The MHS team opened their season September 26, at St. Bede. The Bruins topped the frosh 25-0.

Mendota evened up their season record by defeating Rochelle 28-0 at the Rochelle gridiron. A very fine Mendota defense added to the victory.

In the third game of the season the Dixon Dukes edged out Mendota 7-6 in the first MHS home game.

While losing to DeKalb 19-6, the freshmen became the first team to score against the Barbs from scrimmage.

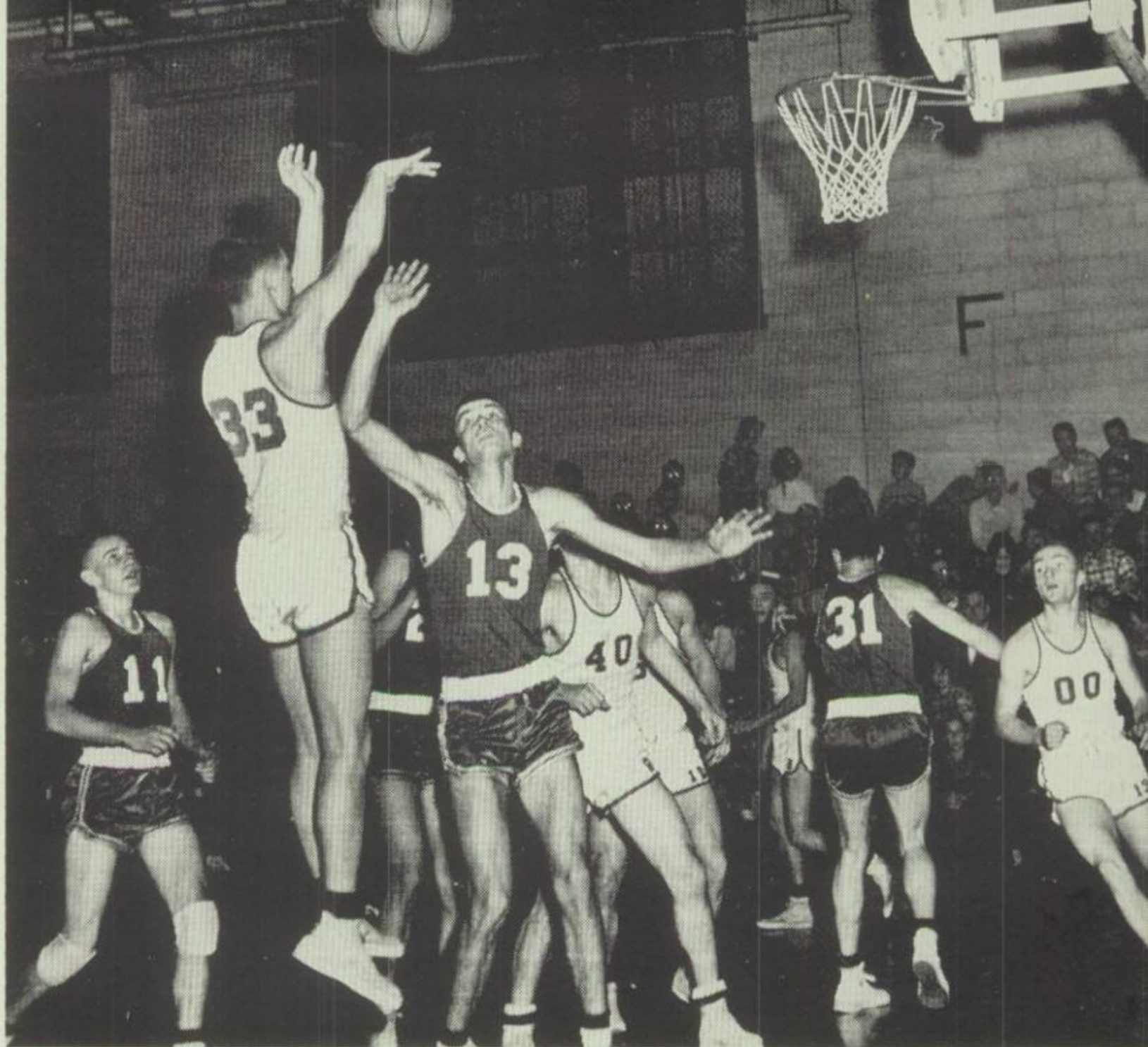
October 29, Mendota fought on even terms against Princeton as the final score read 12-12. This was the second home game of the 1957 season.

In the final game of the season, the Hall Red Devils edged out the freshmen 12-7 on a last minute touchdown.

Valuable experience was gained by the frosh boys both in practice and actual games. Each member of the team saw action. This motto has produced the fine Trojan Varsity teams of past years.

FROSH SCHEDULE

		WE	THEY
Sept. 26	St. Bede	0	25
Oct. 8	Rochelle	28	0
Oct. 15	Dixon	6	7
Oct. 22	DeKalb	6	19
Oct. 29	Princeton	12	12
Nov. 5	Spring Valley	12	7



Jack Jacobs drops in a jumpshot in the Earlville game. No. 00 is Red Boyle and Bud Miller is 40

Varsity Basketball

ALTHOUGH THE TROJAN basketball season cannot be called a complete success, it certainly cannot be called a failure. Coach Altizer's short but scrappy cagers won eight games, and they never stopped fighting. The nucleus of the team was built around three lettermen, Jack Jacobs, Bob Bradshaw, and Bill Brown.

The Trojans had several bright spots during the year as they played two beautiful games against Amboy and Ottawa, the state's third best team. We lost to Walnut in the Regional Tourney by a score of 77-70, but the Raiders set a state record by pouring in 45 out of 53 free throws. All in all, Mendota can be proud of

her fighting Trojans who threw some terrific scares into the N.C.I.C. leaders.

When the season opened, a large number of boys turned out for the team. After several days' practice, the squad was narrowed down to eleven men; the rest reported to Coach Murdock's Jayvees. The Trojan 11 was: Bob Bradshaw, Jack Jacobs, Bill Brown, Bud Miller, Rich Bumba, Tom Jacob, Stan Gehler, Bob Saueresig, Bob Bumba, Gerry Bryan, and Bob Miller. Coach Altizer selected Brown, Bradshaw, Jacobs, Bud Miller, and Jacob to start the opening contest with Morris on November 21.

After a hard fought game, the Trojans bowed to the Morris Indians by a score of 59-57. Bill Brown led the Trojans with 22 points, but that wasn't enough to overcome loose play in other places.

On the following Friday the Trojans picked up their first victory by easing by a scrappy Earlville five by 59-57. Bud Miller led the final-quarter thrust that carried the Trojans to victory. Miller canned 19 markers.



BACK ROW: R. Bumba, R. Boyle, B. Saueressig, B. Bumba, G. Bryan, B. Bradshaw, N. Miller, B. Miller, S. Gehler, B. Brown, T. Jacob, J. Jacobs

KNEELING: Coach Murdock, R. Michel, Coach Altizer

The home season opened the next Friday as the Trojans crushed a weak Marquette five by 48-39. Well-balanced scoring was the key factor in the local victory.

The St. Bede Bruins traveled to Mendota to lock horns with the Trojans in the next contest. The Bedans had a veteran team and jumped to an ever increasing lead. At the third quarter the Trojans were downed 47-36. A terrific final quarter drive by the Trojans fell short, and we bowed 60-59.

Let down by the heart-breaking St. Bede defeat, the Trojans were easily handled by a fine Marseilles team 63-50. The Trojans just couldn't get started, and Marseilles took every advantage.

Don Sheffer's Princeton Tigers came to MHS for the next contest, and they raked the Trojans over the coals 78-47. Stan Gehler moved into a starting position and led the locals with 12 markers. Brown had 10.

The Trojans next traveled to Ottawa for the annual Marquette Christmas Tourney. For the second time of the season the Trojans met the Marseilles Panthers. The Trojans led all the way, but bowed 59-51. For the first 3 quarters, Marseilles thought they had a wildcat on her hands as the Trojans led 42-38 at the three-quarter mark. The Panthers rallied and pulled out a victory. The Trojans then dropped into the loser's bracket and met the Marquette Crusaders on the following evening. For the second time the Trojans over-whelmed the hapless Marquette squad. This time the tally was 55-38. Bud Miller and Bob Bradshaw combined for 31 points to lead the victorious Trojans. At this point, Richie Bumba, a 5' 7" guard, moved into a starting position.

Woodland, coached by Russ Ahern, former Hebron mentor, tangled with Coach Altizer's Trojans in the next contest of the tourney. The Mendotans' led all the way, but a last minute Woodland rally carried them to a 54-53 victory.

Out of the tournament and back on the conference trail, the Trojans then met a rough, veteran-studded Hall team. Hall rolled up an early lead and were never headed. Time after time the Trojans moved up, but each time Hall held on. When the buzzer sounded, the Trojans were on the short end of a 59-42 final score.

Mendota grabbed her first conference win in the next game as they downed a tough Sterling five 69-63. The game was close and hard fought all the way. Bob Bradshaw led the Trojans with 20 points.

The Trojans continued to move as they downed Geneseo 71-63 in the next contest. This win over the Maple Leaf gave the Trojans a two win-two loss conference record. Scoring was very evenly divided in this game as all five starters hit in the double figures.

St. Bede made it two in a row over Coach Altizer's scrappy squad as they gave a final quarter thrust to win 64-57. The Mendotans led by 3 points at the start of the fourth quarter, but the Bruins overcame the lead. Jack Jacobs and Bob Bradshaw combined for 36 points to top Trojan scoring.

The highly touted Amboy Clippers came to town the following Friday and barely topped the Trojans by a score of 70-67. The two teams battled on even terms throughout the contest and neither side could establish a lead of any size. But then Bob Bradshaw fouled out, and the Clippers took advantage to eke out a win. Bradshaw and Bill Brown each put in 16 points.

"Red" Boyle joined the squad for the Amboy game and immediately moved onto the first five. Red hit 12 points in his first game.

Coach Gil Love's Ottawa Pirates, on top of the conference, were the next visitors. The Pirates later copped 3rd place in the state tournament, and they expected no trouble from Mendota. The score at the end of three quarters of play was Mendota 44, Ottawa 40. Then the Pirates took advantage of another Mendota final-quarter let down and scored 20 points to our 8. The final score put the conference champs on top 60-52.

Coach Altizer took his team to Marquette for the next game, and they crushed the Crusaders 81-54. The whole team got hot, and every boy saw action. Richie Bumba led Mendota with 25 points, and eight others hit the scoring column. This was Mendota's third consecutive victory over Marquette.

DeKalb's Barbs were our next opponents and they made things anything but pleasant for the Trojans. Red Boyle and Bob Bradshaw each hit 15 points, but DeKalb won 86-59.

Mendota gained revenge for an earlier defeat at the hands of Morris by downing the Indians in the rematch 56-55. The game was close, but 12 final-quarter points by Mendota put us on top. Bradshaw bucketed 22 points for Mendota.

The Trojans traveled to Rochelle for the next game and were beaten 81-72. Despite the score, the game had some bright spots as Bob Bradshaw hit his all-time high in point production. Bob ripped the cords for 33 points and fell just one bucket short of the school record. Bill Brown hit 18.

We then played host to the Earlville Raiders and, for the second time, barely downed the scrappy Little Ten representatives. Bradshaw continued his hot streak as he hit 27 points. Earlville made a fine comeback in the last half but fell short.

We would like to leave this game out of the book, but we can't. Rock Falls was in a first place tie with Ottawa, and the Trojans had high hopes of an upset. The first quarter wasn't bad as the Rockets led by 8 points. But then the visitors started to hit, and the Trojans couldn't buy a shot. Every Rocket in the scorebook made points. Bob Bradshaw managed 14 for Mendota. The final score: Rock Falls 96, Mendota 36.

Amboy continued to push the Trojans deeper into the loss column as the Clippers easily topped Mendota. Bill Brown made 19 points but we lost 79-52.

Dixon wasn't too hospitable as we met the Dukes in the next game. The boys just couldn't get started and bowed 78-62. Bob Bradshaw made 22 points.



Bob Bradshaw puts in a jumpshot in the Ottawa game. Rich Bumba is No. 10

Then came the Regional at Walnut. The team played well, but Walnut just couldn't lose. Hitting 45 out of 53 free throws, the host team had little trouble winning 77-70.

The season wasn't too successful, but several juniors and a sophomore will boost our chances next year. Bob Bradshaw was named to the 2nd All-Conference team. Bradshaw and Bill Brown were also given honorable mention on the All-State team. Credit should also be given to the subs who did a swell job backing up the first team throughout the season.

Varsity basketball statistics

NAME	POSITION	FG	MADE	FREE THROWS MISSED	PCT.	PF	TP	GAME AVER- AGE
B. Bradshaw	f	162	60	50	54.4	71	384	16.0
B. Brown	f	113	83	64	56.4	75	309	12.9
N. Miller	c	80	43	35	55.1	91	201	8.4
J. Jacobs	g	57	29	9	76.3	39	143	6.2
R. Bumba	g	49	35	17	67.3	31	133	5.7
J. Boyle	g	30	30	14	68.1	29	90	8.1
S. Gehler	f	19	23	10	69.9	33	61	3.8
B. Saueressig	f	16	16	8	66.6	22	48	3.0
B. Miller	c	3	2	5	29.6	9	8	.7
G. Bryan	f	2	2	1	66.6	3	6	.7
T. Jacob	g	1	4	2	66.6	6	6	.5
B. Bumba	g	1	1	1	50.0	4	3	.5
L. Tentler	f	0	0	0	00.0	1	0	.0
H. Becker	g	0	0	0	00.0	1	0	.0

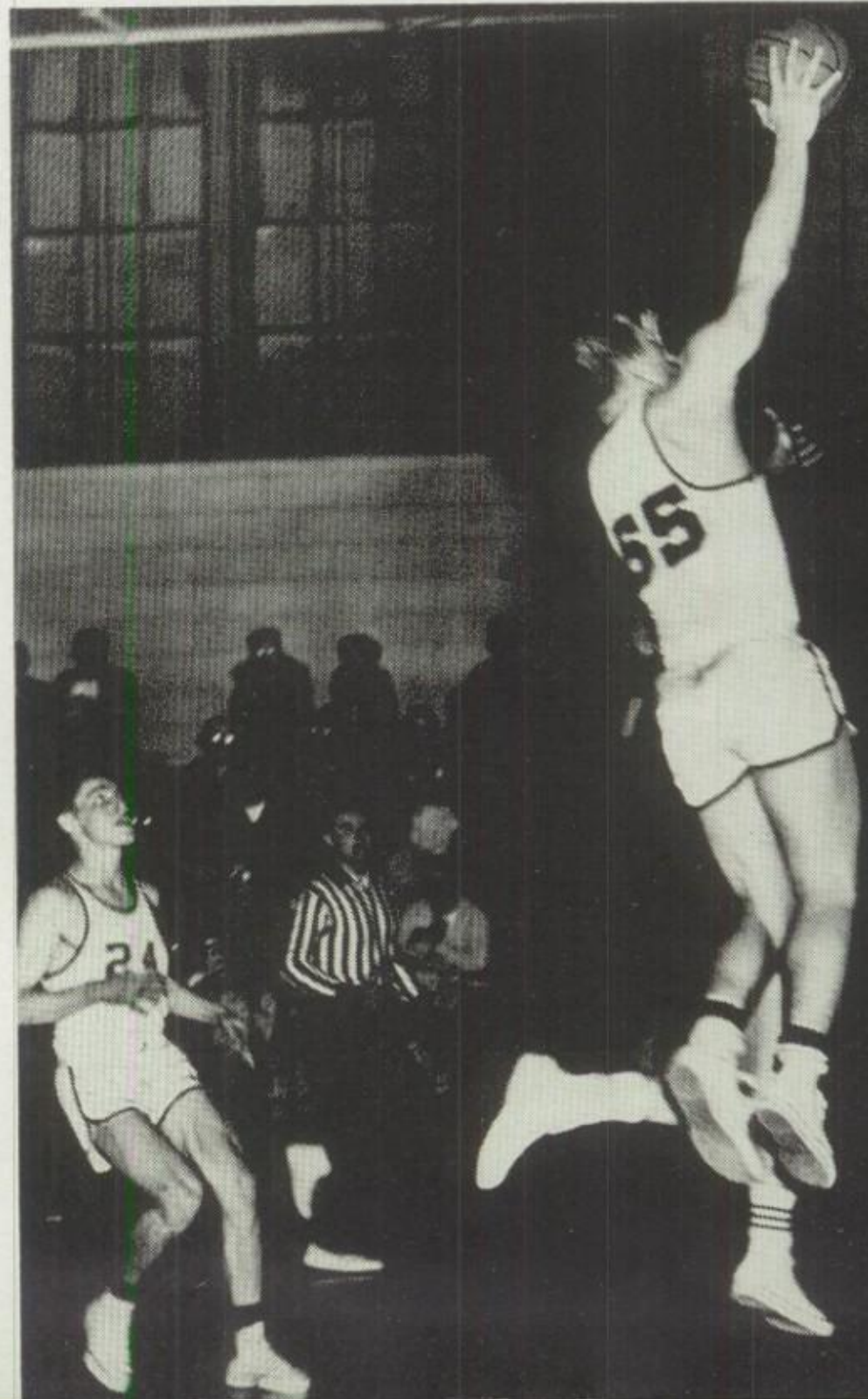
Bill Brown hits a driving layup in one of the early games. No. 24 is Stan Gehler

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NAME	YEAR	AWARD
Bill Brown	Senior	Stripe
Bob Bradshaw	Senior	Stripe
Jack Jacobs	Senior	Stripe
Jim Boyle	Senior	Stripe
Bob Miller	Senior	Major
Bob Bumba	Senior	Major
Gerry Bryan	Senior	Major
Rich Bumba	Junior	Major
Stan Gehler	Junior	Major
Bud Miller	Sophomore	Major
Tom Jacob	Junior	Minor
Bob Saueressig	Junior	Minor

THE SCHEDULE

	We	They
Morris	57	59
Earlville	57	59
Marquette	48	39
St. Bede	59	60
Marseilles	50	63
Princeton	47	78
Marseilles	51	59
Marquette	55	38
Woodland	53	54
Hall	42	59
Sterling	69	63
Geneseo	71	63
St. Bede	57	64
Amboy	67	70
Ottawa	52	60
Marquette	81	54
DeKalb	86	59
Morris	56	55
Rochelle	81	72
Earlville	64	62
Rock Falls	96	36
Amboy	58	79
Dixon	78	62
Walnut	77	70
won 8	lost 16	





STANDING: L. Walker, K. Truckenbrod, B. Merritt, J. Bradshaw, O. Countryman, L. Tentler, G. Gilmore, J. Hoffman, T. Potter, L. Davis, J. Wehmeyer, D. Harrison, Coach Lewis; KNEELING: Manager T. Mitchell

Frosh-Soph Basketball

COACH LEWIS'S FROSH-SOPH squad finished their season March 1 with an 8-13 record over their 21 game schedule.

The Jay Tees were slow-starting early in the season, losing 7 out of their first 8 games. The one win came against St. Bede as the MHS Frosh-Soph won 47-45.

After being defeated by Sterling 37-36 the Jay Tees caught fire winning 6 games of their final 11.

February 4 the Jay Tees entered the Rock

Falls Frosh-Soph Tournament and were beaten by Savanna 51-42 in the opening game. Savanna went on to win third place in the tourney.

The Jay Tees' conference record was 2-7 in the 9 games played. The victims of the Jay Tees were DeKalb and Geneseo. The Frosh-Soph NCIC conference was dominated by three very fine teams, Hall, Ottawa, and Dixon.

John Hoffman was the top scorer for the Jay Tees with 179 points in 19 games for a 9.4 average per game. Kent Truckenbrod, second high scorer and top rebounder, led in free throws made with a 54 total.

Coach Lewis did an excellent job of teaching the boys basketball fundamentals and sportsmanlike conduct. In practice and in the games, the boys worked hard and gave everything they had. Although the records show only 7 wins and 14 losses for the season, many of the games were lost by only a few points. Some of the boys will undoubtedly fill varsity positions next year and help the squad tremendously.

Frosh-Soph basketball statistics

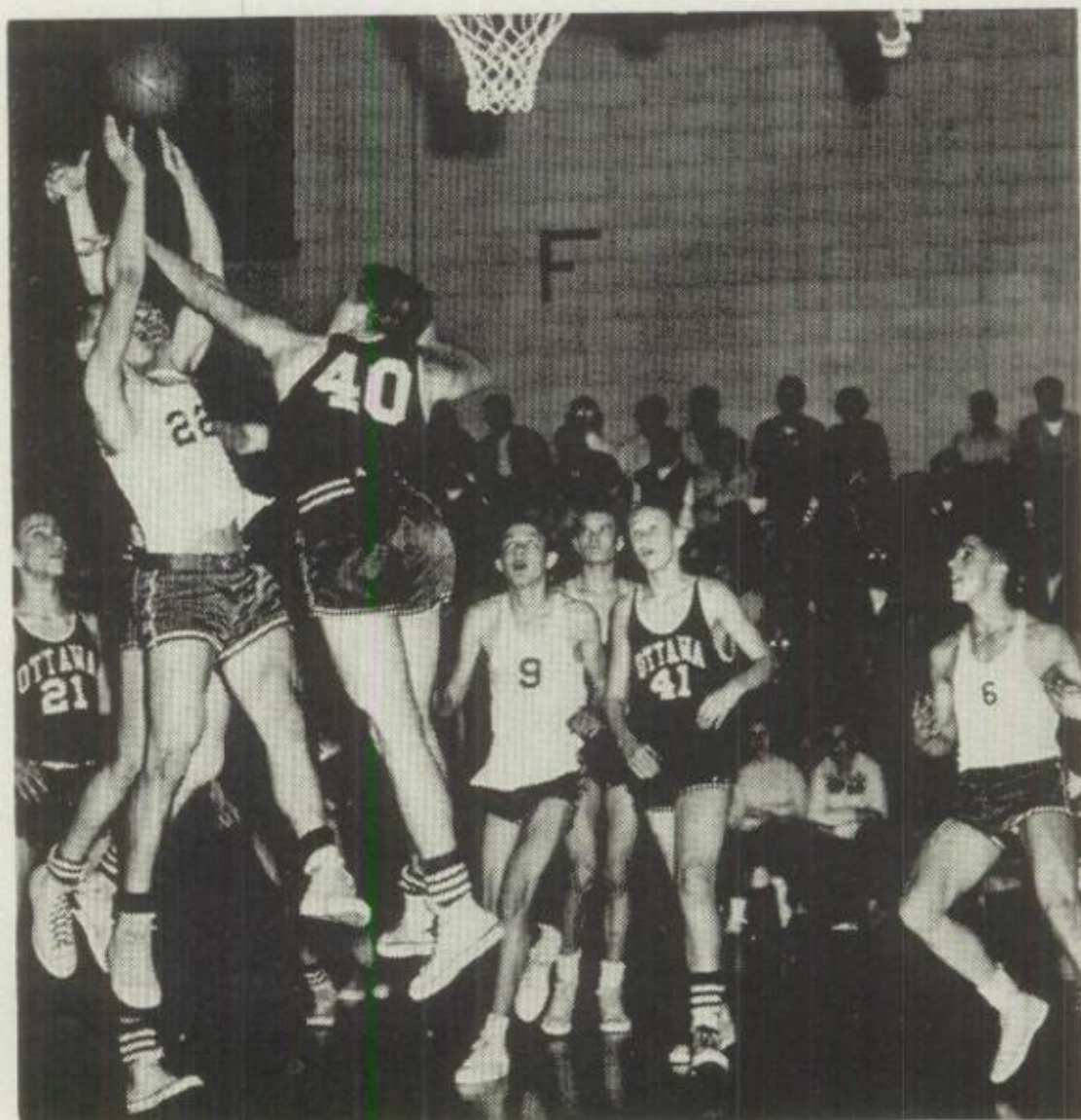
NAME	FG	FT	MADE	TP	PF	GAMES PLAYED	AWARDS
J. Hoffman	69	69	41	179	31	19	Minor
K. Truckenbrod	54	81	54	162	54	21	Minor
O. Countryman	44	66	39	127	34	18	Minor
J. Wehmeyer	23	59	23	96	35	20	Minor
L. Tentler	38	51	19	95	34	13	Minor
J. Bradshaw	35	47	22	92	23	16	Minor
T. Potter	17	37	15	49	35	17	Minor
B. Merritt	8	29	19	35	17	16	Minor
L. Davis	7	8	3	17	12	12	
G. Gilmore	6	6	4	16	7	9	
B. Masters	3	6	3	9	4	4	
D. Harrison	0	4	0	0	2	8	
L. Walker	0	0	0	0	1	5	
TOTAL	304	454	233	537	289		

Larry Davis drops in a layup in the Ottawa game. Gary Gilmore is No. 9 and No. 6 is Joe Wehmeyer.

FROSH-SOPH SCHEDULE

WE	TEAM	THEY
33	Morris	35
35	Earlville	37
29	Marquette	34
47	St. Bede	45
36	Marseilles	50
42	Princeton	66
33	Hall	78
36	Sterling	37
51	Geneseo	41
24	St. Bede	44
50	Amboy	46
32	Ottawa	57
50	Marquette*	52
42	Savanna	51
57	DeKalb	48
45	Morris	37
43	Rochelle	55
58	Earlville	40
36	Rock Falls	40
47	Amboy	35
42	Dixon	64

*FORFEIT TO MENDOTA





STANDING: Coach Murdock, A. Merriman, F. Wehmeyer, H. Becker, J. Bader, M. Huss, H. Goslin, Coach Altizer;
KNEELING: D. Baker, B. Bumba, H. Amfahr, G. Jewel, G. Pohl, J. Hampson, J. Kilmartin, J. Lines

Jayvee Basketball

too successful from the win-loss standpoint, but much experience was gained.

The "Bearcats" beat La Salle-Peru twice during the season and played terrifically in both contests. Princeton, Ottawa, and Rochelle topped the "Bearcats" twice each while Marseilles and Amboy beat the Jayvees once. Howie Becker led the Jayvees in scoring with 82 points while John Kilmartin poured in 66.

THIS YEAR MARKED the first season for a new basketball team at MHS. The "Jayvees" were formed by Varsity Coach Verdie Altizer to give him an active reserve of cagers upon which he could rely. Sam Murdock coached the highly spirited Jayvees, who played some fine games.

The squad had a very full schedule and gave their all during every game. Coach Murdock had a policy which enabled every boy to see action in every game. The season wasn't

SCHEDULE

	We	They
LaSalle	49	46
Ottawa	52	88
Rochelle	47	66
Princeton	36	62
Ottawa	44	55
LaSalle	61	45
Marseilles	56	67
Amboy	45	69
Rochelle	58	67
Princeton	35	70



STANDING: T. Kuntzi, J. Fitzgerald, D. Thompson, M. Schlesinger, D. Rogers, J. Thorne, R. Conley, J. Galleher, V. Larson, K. Nelson; KNEELING: J. Archer, S. Stein, T. Johnson, R. Becket, D. Harrison, K. Hampson, D. Gallagher, Coach Ross

Freshman Basketball Squad

COACH MIKE ROSS took over the duties of coaching and teaching a group of twenty freshman basketball prospects for the 1956-57 season. This was one of the largest turnouts in MHS freshman basketball history.

The eleven game schedule included one double header against La Salle-Peru with the second stringers playing a separate game. As Coach Ross substituted freely in each game, all players saw considerable action.

The team was handicapped greatly with the loss of four key players who graduated to the Frosh-Soph squad following the St. Bede game. These freshmen were Oscar Countryman, Joe Wehmeyer, Bob Merritt, and Jerry Virgil. The MHS Frosh got off to a flying start by winning two of their first three ball games. The wins were against La Salle-Peru and St. Bede by scores of 53-50 and 36-33 respectively. Hall, Ottawa, Princeton, Amboy each defeated Mendota twice.

Rich Becket led the Mendota scorers with a total of 79 points on 29 field goals and 21 free throws. Becket also led in free throws by sinking 21 charities. Dennis Harrison followed Becket closely with a 72 point total.

SCHEDULE

we		they
52	Hall	55
53	La Salle-Peru	50
36	St. Bede	33
28	Ottawa	56
34	Princeton	65
27	Ottawa	56
23	La Salle-Peru	32
33	St. Bede	40
39	Hall	60
34	Amboy	48
34	Princeton	52

FRESHMAN STATISTICS

Scorers	fg	ft	pf	tp
1. Becket	29	21	29	79
2. Harrison	27	18	15	72
3. Countryman	15	15	9	45
4. Wehmeyer	15	10	2	40
5. Thorne	17	3	2	37
6. Conley	12	6	9	30
7. Merritt	8	9	5	25
8. Larson	7	8	11	22
9. Stein	7	7	12	21
10. Archer	4	3	8	11
11. Virgil	4	0	1	8
12. Corzine	3	1	1	7
13. Galleher	2	3	2	7
14. Hampson	1	1	5	3
15. Fitzgerald	0	3	0	3
16. Nelson	1	0	0	2
17. Schlesinger	0	2	1	2
18. Thompson	0	1	1	1
19. Johnson	0	0	4	0
20. Gallagher	0	0	0	0

Track

The 1956 season

MENDOTA's VARSITY TEAM, coached by Malcolm Gore and Verdie Altizer, opened the '56 season with a 62 to 51 win over a fine Ohio team. We took 9 firsts to Ohio's 4. Next The Trojans participated with Amboy and Marquette of Ottawa in a triangular meet held at Mendota. Mendota won over Amboy and Marquette 60, 58, and 30 respectively. The Frosh-Soph were defeated by a 36 to 30 score.

The Trojans then traveled to Princeton to compete in a triangular meet with Ottawa and Princeton in which Ottawa won with 73 points; Mendota had 59, and Princeton, 16.

The fourth track meet was the La Salle-Peru relays held at La Salle. Mendota placed third in a field of six teams.

The Trojans then traveled to Princeton for the Southwest Conference meet. We took second with 44½ points, behind Rock Falls with 68½.

The next opponent was Dixon at Dixon in which we got 47 1/3 points to Dixon's 65 2/3. The Frosh-Soph were also defeated 33 to 80.

The thin clads then traveled to DeKalb, where they took part in the relays. We came out 7th with 23 points, behind Sterling, Ottawa, Palatine, DeKalb, Rock Falls and Crystal Lake. Approximately 30 teams attended.

We then played host to L. P. and Marquette. L. P. won over us by 27 1/3 points, 76 2/3 to 49 1/3. Marquette had 22. Our Frosh-Soph also got 2nd.

Then came the district meet at Ottawa in which we received 5th. From this meet we sent Bill Brown and Bill Stremlau to the State meet.

The Rock Falls Rockets then invaded Mendota and went home with 2 victories; varsity 66½ to 51½ and Frosh Soph 89 to 29.

Our freshman squad then went to the Ottawa freshman meet where they copped 4th.

The Trojans' last dual Varsity—Frosh-Soph meet was at Rochelle. Our varsity rolled over the Hubs 70 to 48. The Frosh-Soph also came home victorious with a score of 61 to 53.

The Varsity season then closed with the annual conference meet at Sterling. At this meet, Bill Stremlau broke the school record plus the conference record for the 880 by turning in a spectacular 1:59.3. Our mile relay also broke our school record with a time of 3:35.2. This team consisted of Bob Bradshaw, Bill Dickey, Ken Gehler, and Bill Stremlau. We received 5th, bowing to Sterling, Ottawa, DeKalb, and Dixon. We had 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third, and 3 fifths, totaling 22 2/7 points.

May 26, the Frosh-Soph traveled to DeKalb for their conference meet. The Boys scored 13 points.

1957 VARSITY TRACK SQUAD

TOP ROW: Coach D. Gooden, Coach M. Gore, G. Pohl, D. Weber, D. Baker, J. Hampson, J. Beardsley, L. Tentler, B. Bradshaw, B. Brown, G. Bryan, J. Kilmartin, S. Gehler, B. Sauressig, B. Bumba, B. Dickey, M. Gleason, Coach V. Altizer; SECOND ROW: R. Faber, T. Jacob, G. Bentley, R. Classon, B. McLaughlin, N. Schlesinger, G. Jewel, J. Bader, J. Kuehl, H. Goebel, E. Novak; FIRST ROW: R. Higgins, B. Jacob, R. Bumba, A. Merriman, H. Becker, L. Dewey, B. Auchstetter, N. Klinefelter, H. Goslin



The 1957 Season

RETURNING LETTERMEN for the 1957 season were Bill Brown, Norm Schlesinger, Bill Dickey, Bob Bradshaw, Avery Merriman, Howie Becker, and Eugene Novak.

The first track meet of the '57 season was held at Mendota. It was a dual meet with Oregon, and we coasted to an easy 70-48 win. Bill Brown of Mendota and Dick Haas of Oregon each scored four firsts, — Brown throwing the shot 57'9" for a new MHS record. His other firsts were discus, broad jump, and high jump. Other firsts were the 440 (B. Bradshaw), mile (B. Auchstetter), 880 yd relay (A. Merriman, L. Tentler, B. Brown, H. Becker), and the mile relay (B. Leiser, T. Jacob, J. Bradshaw, B. Bradshaw). We also won the Frosh-Soph meet 73-32.

Tuesday, April 16, the thinclads invaded LaSalle to compete in the annual L-P relays. Other teams were Ottawa, Hall, Princeton, L-P, Marquette, and Marseilles. Mendota bowed only to the strong Ottawa Pirates. We received two firsts, the shot put (Brown, Tentler, Bumba) and the Frosh-Soph 440 yd relay (Potter, Conley, Higgins, Tentler). Seconds were the 480 yd L.H. shuttles, 2 mile relay, discus, pole

vault, high jump, and broad jump. We received third in the 280 yd H.H. shuttles, 440 yd varsity relay, mile team, and mile relay. We compiled a total of 38 points. Third, fourth, and fifth were Hall, Princeton, and L-P respectively.

Due to much rain and change of schedule, we had four meets the week of April 29 to May 4.

On Monday we played host to the Amboy Clippers, and we rolled to an easy 73-46 victory. Brown for Mendota and Anderson for Amboy did most of the scoring. We received eight firsts, eight seconds, and five thirds. Bill Brown broke the MHS shot put record with a toss of 58'7 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". The Frosh-Soph won their meet easily 73-27.

On Tuesday Dixon entered Mendota highspirited, but they were trounced 82-35. Bill Brown scored four of our eleven firsts. They were the shot put, discus, broad jump, and high jump. The other firsts were Becker in the 100, our 880 relay team (Merriman, Schlesinger, Brown, Becker), Bradshaw in the 440, Novak in the mile, Merriman in the 220, our mile relay team (Leiser, J. Bradshaw, Dickey, B. Bradshaw), and Baker in the pole vault. Our Frosh-Soph also won their meet 76-42. Our Frosh-Soph 440 relay team has not yet been defeated in four meets. They are Conley, B. Higgins, Potter, and Tentler.

1957 FROSH-SOPH TRACK SQUAD

TOP ROW: Coach D. Gooden, Coach M. Gore, G. Gilmore, B. Merritt, D. Schammel, L. Walker, J. Mitchel, J. Bradshaw, B. Taylor, J. Mau, Coach V. Altizer. SECOND ROW: L. Kennedy, W. Johnson, T. Truckenbrod, L. Davis, R. Saylor, J. Hoffman, T. Potter, J. Virgil. FIRST ROW: D. Rogers, R. Conley, D. Harrison, R. Fischer, B. Higgins, J. Thorne, Mgr. D. Campbell.



Track statistics



The 1956 state shot put champ, Bill Brown, finished second best at the district meet but heaved a 55'2" winning toss at Urbana. So far this year he has come forth with an astounding 58'7 $\frac{5}{8}$ ".

TRACK SCHEDULE

April 9, Oregon (here), Varsity & F.S.
 April 16, La Salle-Peru Relays (La Salle), Varsity
 April 29, Amboy (here), Varsity & F.S.
 April 30, Dixon (here), Varsity & F.S.
 May 2, Princeton (there), Varsity & F.S.
 May 4, DeKalb Relays, Varsity
 May 7, La Salle-Peru, Marquette (here), Varsity & F.S.
 May 10, District at Ottawa, Varsity
 May 14, Rock Falls (there), Varsity & F.S.
 May 16, Ottawa Freshman Invitational Meet
 May 17-18, State Track Meet
 May 21, Rochelle (here), Varsity & F.S.
 May 24, Varsity Conference Meet at Sterling
 May 25, Frosh-Soph Conference Meet at DeKalb

1956 VARSITY AWARDS

Becker	Stripe
Boyle	Stripe
Brown	Stripe
Gehler	Stripe
Jauch	Stripe
Stremlau	Stripe
Bradshaw	Major
Dickey	Major
Merriman	Major
Novak	Major
Schlesinger E.	Major
Schlesinger N.	Major
Auchstetter	Minor
Baker	Minor
Beardsley	Minor
Hampson	Minor
Kilmartin	Minor
Tentler	Minor

1956 FROSH-SOPH AWARDS

Classon	T. Jacob
Gehler	R. Jacob
Goebel	Potter
Higgins	Saueressig



At the 1956 conference meet Bill Stremlau ran a 1:59.3 half mile. This set a new conference record plus a new MHS record. Bill was a state meet qualifier.

MHS TRACK RECORDS Corrected to May 6, 1957

100 yd dash	:10.2	L. Reeder	1938
		D. Westerman	1948
		A. Richard	1949
		J. Brown	1953 & 1955
220 yd dash	:22.8	J. Brown	1955
		R. McMahon	1955
440 yd dash	:51	D. Serup	1948
880 yd run	1:59.3	B. Stremlau	1956
Mile run	4:40	R. Larkin	1941
120 yd H.H.	:15.6	P. Faber	1948
200 yd L.H.	:22.4	D. Westerman	1947
180 yd L.H.	:21.6	C. Truckenbrod	1953
Pole Vault	12'3"	W. Hawke	1947
		S. Champ	
High Jump	6'1"	L. Dunn	1952
Shot Put	58'7 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	B. Brown	1957
		S. Champ	1956
Broad Jump	21'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	B. Brown	1957
Discus	162'10"	N. Ehlers	1955
		S. Champ	
880 yd relay	1:33.4	Jauch, Goslin, McMahon, J. Brown	1955
Javelin	200'	D. Whitmore	1939
		S. Champ	
Mile Relay	3:35.2	K. Gehler, B. Bradshaw, B. Dickey, B. Stremlau	1956

Autographs

Best Wishes
Always
Ray Penoyer

Best of luck always
Take it easy in the snow.
Raymond Worley
"59"

best
of luck to
a swell kid.
see you in your future
years at M.H.S. - Lowell "60"

Best of luck
in years to
come at Mendota
High. Gerald H. Zolper.
(59) cl
hop.

Only the best of
luck can come to such
a swell guy. Have fun
this summer and I'll see
you this fall "59"
Bill Munson

Jim,
Loads of luck
to a swell beer
pal. Have fun,
your remaining
years at M.H.S.
Sharon
"60"

James - or I mean Jim,
Remember all the fun
we had in English II
and blurring training.
Remember: I can write
as good or even than
some of the boys. (ha ha)
as always
Carol Kitch
.59

Jim,
Best of luck to
you in whatever
you do. Don't
forget those long
bus rides. Have
fun this summer
and don't work
too hard.
Loads of luck
Joan Klinefelter
"29" or never

